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COMMENT OF THE DAY

A Welcome Appointment

THE news that a Hongkong University woman graduate has been appointed to the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology is an event of special interest to the Colony. It is described as "a milestone in the history of the University"; properly so, for Professor Dunphy Wai-chun Chun is the first woman professor to be appointed since the University's foundation in 1911. That she is also a graduate of the University and only the third to have held a chair is another factor which makes this appointment particularly pleasing. The reasons for this should be obvious beyond the fact that a local resident has distinguished herself in this way. To present students, ambitious graduates and Hongkong men and women now holding sound professional positions in the community it is immensely encouraging to know that ability and enterprise of the kind shown by Professor Chun in her career can be so handsomely rewarded. It may be argued that not all the deserving have equal opportunities, particularly for trips home to qualify in their special field of interest.

It is an argument that at one time might have been valid; but in an age where the distribution of scholarships and a more liberal and, indeed, realistic recognition of ability, outside of all other factors, have opened new horizons for so many in leading academic and industrial institutions abroad, opportunities have long ceased to be the preserve of the privileged few. This is true not only of Hongkong but of most parts of the world today. Miss Chun's personal success together with the wise choice made by the University authorities therefore merit high commendation and public welcome.

Watches On Show

THE first exhibition of watches and clocks now being held on the central reclamation focuses attention on what has become an important feature of the Colony's entrepot trade in recent years. Oddly perhaps, for Hongkong, this is an example of the Colony's value to Europe as a trade centre serving the Far East and Southeast Asia. In previous years its main function as an entrepot has been for trade between China and the rest of the world. As far as Europe's and Britain's watch and clock makers are concerned, the Colony is a useful point of distribution to countries in this area as well as being itself a big market for their products. A visit to the exhibition emphasises this. Comments have already been made that the lack of price tags on the exhibits makes it hard for the individual to choose and that even if he does choose he cannot buy at the exhibition.

Here other factors arise: the fierce competition among agents, and retail trading practices in Hongkong. After a little thought it will be agreed that it would be unfair to expect agents to stipulate prices and would in fact compromise their ability to bargain. What the exhibition has done is to attract experts from all over Southeast Asia. And what the exhibition is doing is to give the experienced watch dealers visiting the Colony an easy chance of seeing all wares which are available to them through the free port of Hongkong. For this and other reasons the first watch exhibition is a welcome addition to the Hongkong economic year and it is to be hoped other agents importing from Europe for Asia, follow the watch trade's initiative.

ISRAEL REBUFFS AMERICA

No Withdrawal From Egypt Without Guarantees

Washington, Feb. 17.

Israel today rebuffed a new US attempt to settle the Israeli-Egyptian crisis, apparently on grounds that the plan did not provide adequate guarantees of her security and rights.

Israeli Ambassador Abba Eban outlined his country's stand to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in his third meeting with the Secretary in 48 hours. Dulles immediately relayed the report to President Eisenhower at Thomasville, Georgia. Shortly afterward, White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty told reporters there that the results of the meeting were "negative." He said Israel had refused to abide by US and United Nations requests to withdraw its forces from Egyptian territory.

Eban conceded as he emerged from Dulles' home that no definite time had been set for another meeting — an indication that the two countries were far apart. But he said Israel and the United States are "always in touch" and that "matters are always under consideration."

In this connection, Israeli Foreign Minister Golda Meir today told the Jewish forces would be withdrawn immediately from the coast of Aqaba if the United States would guarantee to protect Israeli shipping in the waterway.

But she said the US so far had refused to give Israel any such long-term guarantees. This was backed up by a special statement issued by Mr. Eisenhower at Thomasville, again urging Israel to withdraw from Egyptian territory.

In effect, the President said the United States is not prepared to grant any more concessions to Israel.

Ike's Statement

In a written statement, President Eisenhower said: "The United States has renewed its plea to Israel to withdraw in accordance with the repeated demand of the United Nations, and to rely upon the resolution of all friends of justice to bring about a state of affairs which will conform to the principles of justice and of international law and serve impartially the proper interests of all in the area."

Mr. Eisenhower's statement added: "This, the United States believes, should provide a greater source of security for Israel than an occupation, continued contrary to the overwhelming judgment of the world community."

The statement said the US would "strive to remain true to, and support, the United Nations in its efforts to sustain the purposes and principles of the UN charter as the world's best hope of peace."

Maximum Assurance

The statement said the US Government considered Israel had received "the maximum assurance it can reasonably expect at this juncture, or that can be reconciled with fairness to others."

The President then reviewed the efforts made to obtain the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Egyptian territory and made public the text of an American memorandum sent to Israel on February 11, containing the American plan for the Middle East.

The US memorandum had asked Israel to withdraw her troops from the Gaza strip and the Gulf of Aqaba region.

BITTER UN DEBATE ON CYPRUS FORECAST

New York, Feb. 17. Britain's dispute with Greece over Cyprus will have its first full-scale airing in the United Nations tomorrow with both sides prepared for bitter exchanges in a debate expected to last most of the week. Turkey will also play a major role in the discussion in the General Assembly's 80-member political committee. She wants the Mediterranean island-colony to remain British. Turkey-Cypriotes form a one-fifth minority there. Greece backs the Greek-

Solemnly Bound

"But all members of the United Nations are solemnly bound by the charter to settle their international disputes by peaceful means and in their international relations to refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity of any state."

These undertakings seem to preclude using the forcible seizure and occupation of other lands as bargaining power in the settlement of international disputes.

Press secretary Hagerty refused to reply to newspapermen who asked if there were chances that the United States would join the countries who wanted to take economic sanctions against Israel.

Argument Ends In Gun Fight

Omaha, Nebraska, Feb. 17. One man was killed and six persons were wounded today when four men engaged in a gun battle which apparently was touched off when a man stepped on a woman's toe.

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Wounded were Alonzo Klumbrough, 33, Reuben Starks, 25, a brother of the dead man, Clara Rocha, 38, James Milligan, 21, John Charley, 22, and Jennie Brown, 24.

Williams, Reuben Starks and Blackman Houston were gaoled on an open charge for investigation.—United Press.

Bad Day For Rebels

Algiers, Feb. 17. About 150 insurgents have been killed in Algeria in the past 24 hours, including 45 in a battle in the Aures mountains and 65 in clashes in the W's. Official sources reported here today.

An official communiqué said 150 terrorist killers and 176 others had been arrested since January.—Reuter.

DEATH OF FAMED PIANIST

Los Angeles, Feb. 17. Josef Hofmann, famed pianist, died last night in a Los Angeles nursing home. He was 81.

He had lived in Los Angeles since 1930. Mr. Hofmann first came to the attention of the musical world as a Polish child prodigy who began to perform on the piano at the age of five.

He came to the United States in 1907 at the age of 11 and astounded the musical world with his artistry. In addition to being a concert pianist, he was a composer, teacher, director of a conservatory and an inventor of automobile accessories.—Reuter.

Gelignite Theft: Nationwide Alert

Elburton, Devon, Feb. 17. Police stations throughout Britain were alerted tonight following the theft of 800 sticks of gelignite from a stone quarry here.

The quarry's explosives store was entered by raiders who smashed padlocks on the door. A nationwide police alert was made because of the size of the haul.

Police said they believed the theft to be the work of "somebody outside the west country." There was no comment on suggestions that the raid might be the work of the outlawed Irish Republican Army which has made past hauls of explosives and arms in Britain.—Reuter.

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Vast Oil Pipeline Project

Bagdad, Feb. 17. A vast new pipeline project, aimed at boosting Iraq's oil output to 120 million tons annually by 1960 will be discussed at an important meeting of the Iraqi Petroleum Company's Board of Directors in London tomorrow, official quarters said here today.

The project would link the Iraqi oilfields with ports on the Persian Gulf and East Mediterranean and thus provide an alternate outlet in case of trouble in either of these areas, the sources said.

They said the Iraq government attached great importance to the pipeline network, which would start at the Persian Gulf port of Al Ahmadi in British-protected Kuwait and pass through Iraq's northern oilfields en route to three Mediterranean ports.

These ports would be Alexandria in Turkey and the existing pipeline terminals of Banias in Syria and Tripoli in the Lebanon.

An Iraq finance ministry source said this was the only way to maintain stability of Iraq's oil exports whatever happened in the political field.

The Iraq Petroleum Company's Managing Director, Sir Stephen Gibson, was contacted about the project before leaving here for London last Tuesday, this source said. If the Board accepts the project in principle it will still have to seek the permission of the Kuwait authorities to lay part of the line in their territory.



FIRE DISASTERS

80 FEARED DEAD IN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

Warrenton, Missouri, Feb. 17.

An explosion and fire mushroomed through a three-storey old people's home here today, trapping many of the patients and visitors inside.

There was no immediate official count of the dead and injured. Dr. F. H. Knigge, Warren County Coroner, said between 70 and 80 persons were unaccounted for.

One body, that of a young man, was recovered from the ruins but was unidentified. The home was said to house 194 persons. Dr. Knigge said that many were rescued and taken to private homes in the area by people who rushed to the flaming building.

FLAMES, THEN EXPLOSION

Warren Stewart, service station operator across the street from the structure — the Kalle Jong Memorial Home — said he saw the fire start and rushed to help evacuate patients.

Mr. Stewart, one of the first to arrive on the scene, said the explosion followed the fire and could have been caused by leaking gas. The flames, he said, were fed by the gas as no one turned off the main valve of the tanks.

The home was heated by steam generated in another building. But butane gas was used for cooking purposes. Mr. Stewart said fire "just mushroomed right through the building."

Earl Comer said he carried four persons out of the building through windows.—United Press.

6 CHILDREN KILLED

Centerville, Tenn., Feb. 17. A small fire that "exploded into an inferno" swept a frame house early today, killing a mine worker's wife and six children as they slept.

A neighbour and a passerby pulled the father, Adolph Shelby, 48, from the burning house, but they were unable to reach the others because of the rapidly-spreading flames.—United Press.

13 Die In Market Blaze

Tokyo, Feb. 18. Thirteen people perished in a fire which destroyed the central market at Kagoshima, Kyushu Island, on Sunday night. Three of the victims were children.—France-Press.

Car Factory Blaze

Flames envelop the Jaguar car works at Coventry in the disastrous fire which caused damage estimated at several million pounds and set back production for some time.—Reuterphoto.

Red Reinstated

Paris, Feb. 17. The central committee of the French Communist Party announced here tonight that Charles Tillon, former member of its political bureau who was removed from office in 1952, has been reinstated. The announcement said: "Comrade Charles Tillon is restored to all the rights and duties which accompany the quality of a member of the party."—Reuter.

Big Opium Haul

Colombo, Feb. 17. A Customs and Police raid on a house in Colombo today yielded 120 pounds of opium ready for distribution. Customs officials said they believed the opium had been smuggled in from India. The occupant of the house was arrested.—United Press.

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Protest Over Singapore Press "Censorship"

Singapore, Feb. 17. Viscount Astor of Hever, Chairman of the Commonwealth Press Union, has protested against the Singapore government's recent seizure of press material and photographs on the Suez fighting, it was reported here today.

The Straits Times said the letter, addressed to Mr. Lim Yew-hock, the Chief Minister, objected to "censorship" of Singapore newspapers.

The British-owned daily did not publish the letter, but said in a news report that the letter had been referred to the Attorney-General, Mr. C. H. Butlerfield for consideration.

The Singapore government invoked the Undesirable Publications Ordinance in November to intercept air packages containing press material, including photographs on the Middle East crisis.

A "MISTAKE" The material had been sent from London, addressed to the Straits Times.

The photographs were returned later with an apology that a mistake had been made. A few days later the Singapore government announced that the search at the airport of press material from Britain had been stopped.

In Singapore tonight, Mr. M. P. Nair, assistant minister to the Chief Secretary, said he was keeping a close watch on the operation of the Undesirable Publications Ordinance.

SIMILAR LAWS Mr. Nair said: "Any complaints arising from its implementation will be taken into consideration. We are asking for copies of similar laws operating in Ceylon and India."

What he would do depended on the result of his survey. (The seized photographs were of Suez Canal scenes and a cartoon by Giles of the Daily Express. At the time the Straits Times in an editorial attacked the government for "backdoor censorship.")—Reuter.

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The re-written version of the House-approved resolution authorizes President Eisenhower to dispense economic aid and use troops, if he deems it necessary, to counter Communist aggression in the Middle East. The resolution was expected to take about 10 days to pass. Republican Senator H. Alexander Smith said he thought there would be fewer than 20 votes against the measure.—Reuter.

MENON'S HOPE

Washington, Feb. 17. The Indian ambassador, Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon, said today that he was "not without hope" that Communist China would release the ten Americans still in its prisons "fairly soon."—United Press.

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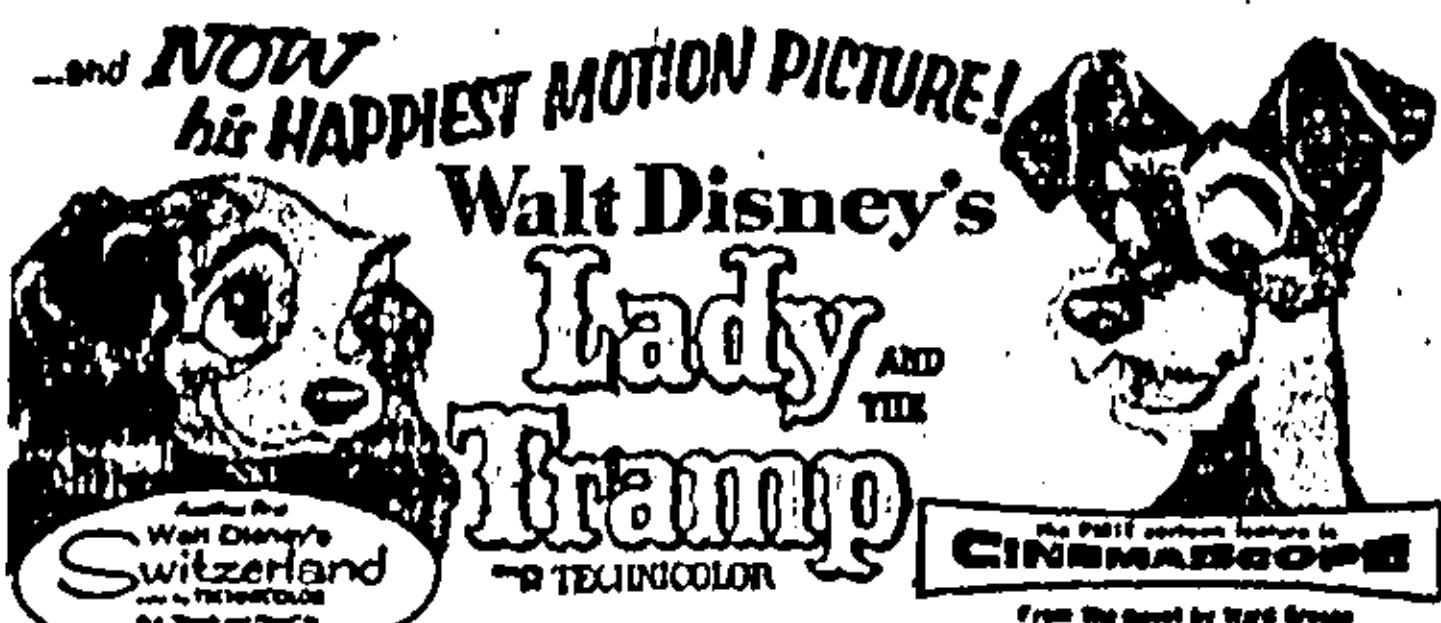
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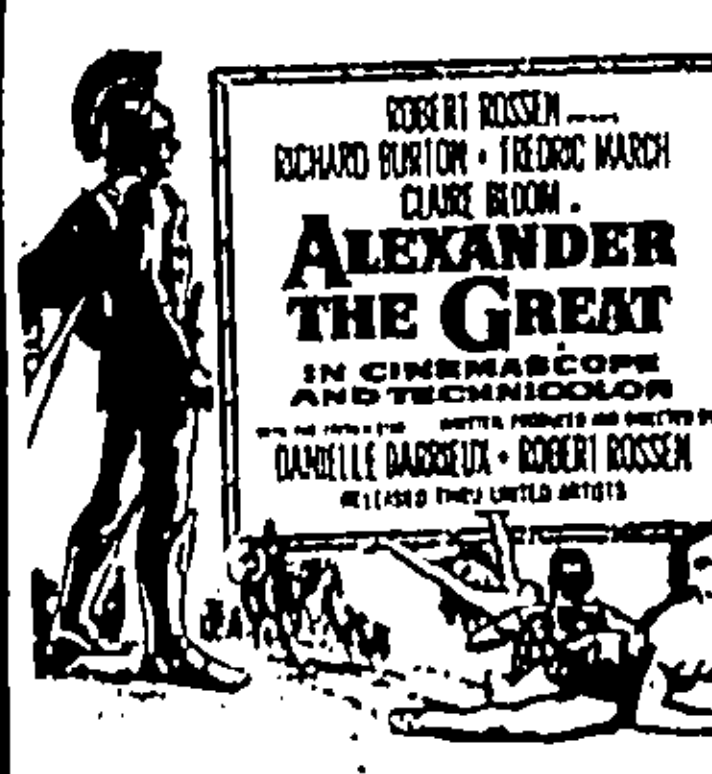


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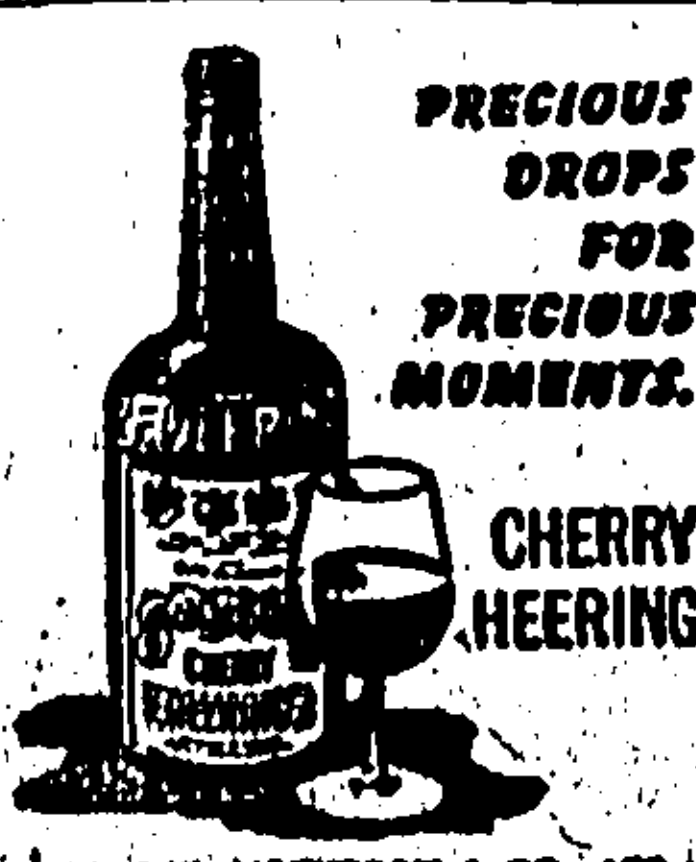
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ATOMS FOR
Republicans Warn
Of Rough
Senate Passage

Washington, Feb. 17.

Republican leaders have warned the White House that the atoms for peace treaty, first proposed by President Eisenhower, is headed for rough going in the Senate, it was learned today.

Mr. Eisenhower is expected to send a special message to the Capitol soon, asking the Senate to ratify the agreement signed by 70 nations at the United Nations last October.

Whether the opposition cited by Republican leaders is strong enough to block ratification of the agreement remained to be seen.



Mr. Harold Evans, newly-appointed public relations adviser to the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, Mr. Evans, who will also act as public relations adviser to Dr. Hill, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in his capacity as co-ordinator of Government information services, formerly was chief information officer at the Colonial Office.—Reuterphoto.

Reunification

Of Germany

GUARDED
SOCIALIST
SUPPORT

Williamsburg,

Va., Feb. 17.

German Socialist leader Erich Ollenhauer today gave guarded support to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's plan for a four-nation study on German unification.

Ollenhauer is visiting historic Williamsburg on a one-day rest from conferences in Washington and New York.

"I think it would be good to have this discussion as a preparation for a full-dress, four-power conference on Germany," Ollenhauer said.

Adenauer and the big three Western powers agreed last week to have their representatives meet in Washington next month for exploratory talks in ways to achieve unification.

CAREFUL STUDY

But German Socialist sources said Ollenhauer and his aides would give careful study to the Chancellor's plans before commenting further on them. They said there seems to be a chance that Adenauer was "playing politics" in the timing of his announcement.

Ollenhauer told reporters that the German Socialist Party has asked the Bonn Government to take the initiative in reopening the long-stalled unification question.

"If the Chancellor starts out in this direction, we're in favour of it," Ollenhauer said.

Ollenhauer said he would confer with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles tomorrow morning. He emphasized that his party is not in favour of leaving NATO now.—United Press.

Indications were that the outcome may well be determined by how strongly Mr. Eisenhower and his aides press for its approval.

Supply Material

The treaty provides for the establishment of an international atomic energy agency. As a member, the United States would supply nuclear material to the group. The plan was proposed by the President in his widely-heralded speech before the United Nations General Assembly in December 1953.

One well-informed Republican Senator, who opposes the treaty, said: "As of now, I don't know whether they could get it ratified or not."

A Democrat with considerable seniority said he thought the treaty would win ratification. But he said he would vote against it.

Both Senators asked they not be identified now. But both said they planned to speak against the treaty after it has been submitted formally.

There has been little public comment on the treaty so far. Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican) attacked it recently in a speech stating that the plan is tantamount to giving policemen's weapons to gangsters. Senator John Bricker (Rep.) has stated that the treaty must be studied "very carefully."

Private Doubts

Senator Bricker, a member of the Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, has said the Senate must decide whether the treaty adequately protects the interests of the United States.

The private doubts voiced by other Senators echo, in some degree, the concern expressed by Senator Bricker. They centre on these points:

- ★ 1. Will the 5,000 kilograms of Uranium 235 which the United States has promised to furnish to the proposed International Atomic Energy Agency find its way into Communist hands?
- ★ 2. What benefits could the United States get from the treaty that would compensate for the risks involved in making nuclear materials and knowledge available to an international agency?—United Press.

Pontecorvo
At Research
Institute

Moscow, Feb. 17.

Scientists of 12 countries, among them Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, former British atom scientist, are working at the Soviet joint nuclear research institute at Dubna, near here, Tass said today.

The agency quoting an article in the newspaper Soviet Russia, said the institute was equipped with a recently-built synchrotron with an estimated capacity of 10,000 million electron volts.

The institute laboratories were studying the nature of elementary particles, their mutual interaction as well as their interaction with atom nuclei of various elements.

The newspaper said that Dr. Pontecorvo was working on the institute's staff which also included an East German Nobel prize winner, Professor Gustav Hertz, and scientists of Russia, China, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and other countries.

(Last September it was reported that the synchrotron at Dubna's "atom city" would be biggest in the world when completed.)

(Dr. Pontecorvo, former senior principal scientific officer at Britain's Harwell research station, went to Russia in 1950).—China Mail Special.

PEACE BILL
Supreme Champion

Champion Volkrick of Worden, a three-year-old keeshond (Dutch barge dog) with her owner, and the trophy, after being adjudged Supreme Champion at Cruik's Dog Show at Olympia in London. Earlier, she had won the Cruik's Cup for the best non-sporting dog.—Reuterphoto.

RUSSIA ADMITS
PROSTITUTION

Moscow, Feb. 17.

The trade union paper Trud today published the first public admission that prostitution exists in the Soviet Union and called for strict punishment of guilty girls.

In a carefully worded article on the hitherto taboo subject, the newspaper described "so-called girls of light conduct" who promenade the streets of central Moscow "looking for pickups."

The paper rapped those who pretend prostitution does not exist, and those who close their eyes to it.

Heritage Of Past

"It is impossible to remain silent about this, impossible shamefully to close the eyes and say 'this doesn't exist here,'" it said.

It declared that only a few individuals were carrying on this way of life—"a heritage of the past."

According to Trud, the girls do not want to make an honest living but seek a "fast life." Nadezhda, a skilled embroiderer, arrested after a pickup, seemed completely unembarrassed, Trud complained, as she sat in the police station.

Nadezhda earned good pay when she worked, but "pretence restaurants, revues and took a dangerous and scandalous road," Trud said.

Another girl, Vacentina, also arrested for prostitution, was described as a dressmaker who could earn a good living. But she also didn't want honest work.

Trud said there is no law under which these women can be punished, "although they have committed a crime against our morals."

Violated Basic Law

"Haven't they violated the basic law of our Socialist society—the one who does not work, does not eat?" it asked.

"Isn't it time to punish such people and punish them severely so that nobody will become accustomed to take such a scandalous path?"

The existence of prostitution in Moscow has been known to the capital's residents and foreigners for many years, but only with the publication of the Trud article has the fact been disclosed in the Soviet press.

In the past, the Soviets have officially denied prostitution existed here, since they claim socialism had wiped out the conditions which create prostitution. They said women sold themselves only under capitalism.

Hiding Faces

The newspaper also published a picture of women sitting in a taxi hiding their faces, since

often the girls cruise around in cabs looking for pickups. Police who patrol the area seem well aware of what is going on, but apparently choose to look the other way.

During the tourist season, the girls seem to disappear from circulation. Gossip has it that this is simply an official measure to clean up the centre of Moscow.—United Press.

Control Of
Atomic Energy

Tokyo, Feb. 17.

A member of the Japanese Atomic Energy Commission confirmed here tonight that the Commission had drafted a bill which will place all atomic reactors, materials and fuels under strict government control.

The Commission member said the bill was designed to exclude private enterprise from the construction and inspection of atomic reactors. The new bill would place all reactors under the direct control of the State Minister in charge of Atomic Energy Production and no private organization or group would be allowed to experiment with reactors without official permission.—Reuter.

MORE BOMBS
IN HAVANA

Havana, Feb. 17.

The 15th and 16th bombs since constitutional guarantees were suspended in Cuba on January 15 exploded here last night.

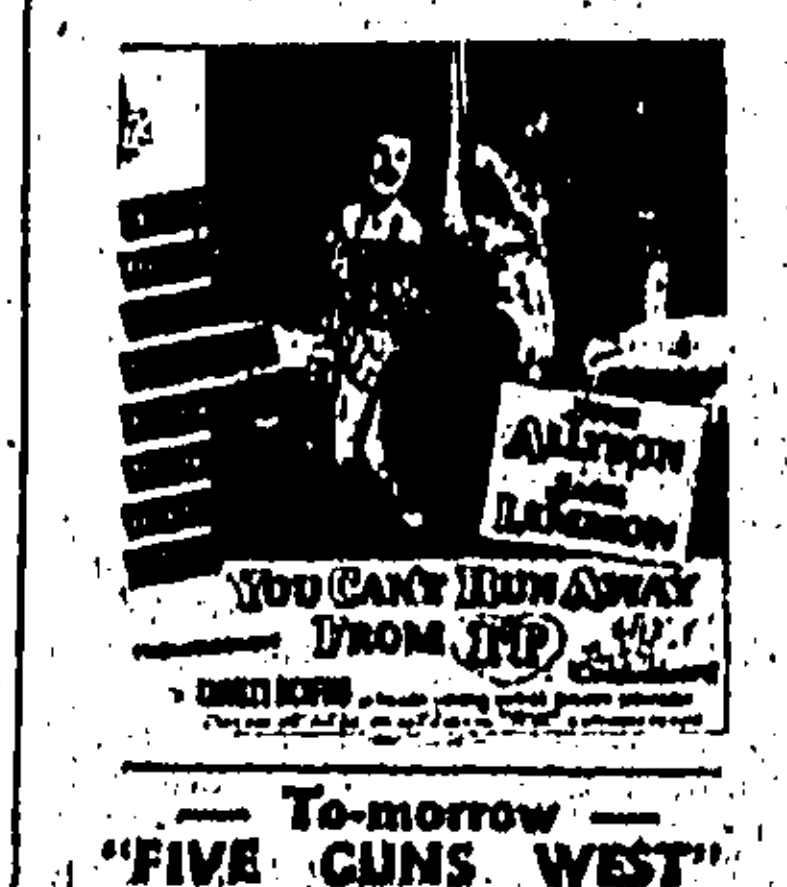
There were no victims but damage was widespread, police said.

Two unidentified men have been arrested for suspected connection with terrorist acts, police added.

Police also announced that a 16-year-old youth was arrested for carrying four dynamite sticks in a package.—United Press.

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Easing Britain's
Defence Burden
German Talks Reopen

Bonn, Feb. 17.

The Anglo-German negotiations on a West German financial contribution to ease Britain's defence burden have reopened here after a week's interruption.

When they were adjourned on February 8 the two delegations announced that West Germany had agreed to help Britain solve her foreign currency difficulties in two main ways: through a "defence contribution" in cash and by depositing large sums in sterling in the Bank of England.

The defence contribution made up of a sum towards the costs of Britain's four divisions and tactical air force stationed here and another amount called "military aid" are expected to total about 600,000,000 marks (about 60,000,000 sterling).

Less Palatable

This is more than Britain obtained for the current year which was 400,000,000 (about 40,000,000 sterling) but less than she had asked for, which was about 800,000,000 (80,000,000 sterling) the equivalent of the total annual expenditure in marks on her forces here.

The announcement that Britain intends to cut her forces in West Germany is likely to make the costs agreement still less palatable to West German public opinion already not very taken with the idea.

Observers consider there is bound to be a widespread feeling that West Germany is being "asked to pay 50 per cent more for 50 per cent less."

In fact the negotiations have been conducted throughout on the basis of the forces that Britain plans actually to have in West Germany during the period covered by the talks the financial year 1957-58. The Germans have shown great understanding for Britain's case, which is that she is carrying an unreasonably large share of the burden for the common defence especially in view of her foreign exchange difficulties and of West Germany's seriously delayed defence buildup.

Agree To Cut

The projected British troop cuts have not affected the talks and there is no reason why the meeting of the Western European Union Ministerial Council on February 28 at which the cuts will be discussed should have any influence on final agreement.

British sources here do not expect strong German opposition to the British cuts at this meeting. There is no doubt that the Germans would prefer British troops here to remain at present strength. But they

agree Britain must cut somewhere and attach importance to the prospect of increased fighting efficiency in the troops that remain.—China Mail Special.

Replacement
Of Merchant
Fleet

Washington, Feb. 18.

Scientists, naval architects and marine engineering experts will meet officials of the United States Maritime Commission here on Tuesday to discuss maritime research and development—particularly the United States plans to eventually replace its merchant fleet with nuclear powered vessels.

Announcing this today, Mr. Clarence Morse, Chairman of the Maritime Commission, said the conference will chart a long range course on research and development.

"The meeting," he said, "is expected to discuss the application of the latest progress in science and technology to current Federal Maritime Board and Maritime Administration plans for the replacement on the United States merchant marine."

"The agenda of the meeting will also include discussions on nuclear propulsion and the possible eventual conversion of American merchant vessels to this form of power."

"We must address ourselves to cargo handling methods and automation as applied to the loading and unloading of ships as well as to the improvement of the ship's hulls and their propulsion machinery."—China Mail Special.

Bus Boycott
Extension

East London, Feb. 17.

African leaders here today decided to extend South Africa's six-week-only bus boycott to East London.

The boycott in support of Africans' economic and political grievances, is at present in force in Johannesburg, Pretoria and Port Elizabeth.

The decision to boycott buses in East London was taken today by the local branch of the African National Congress.—Reuter.

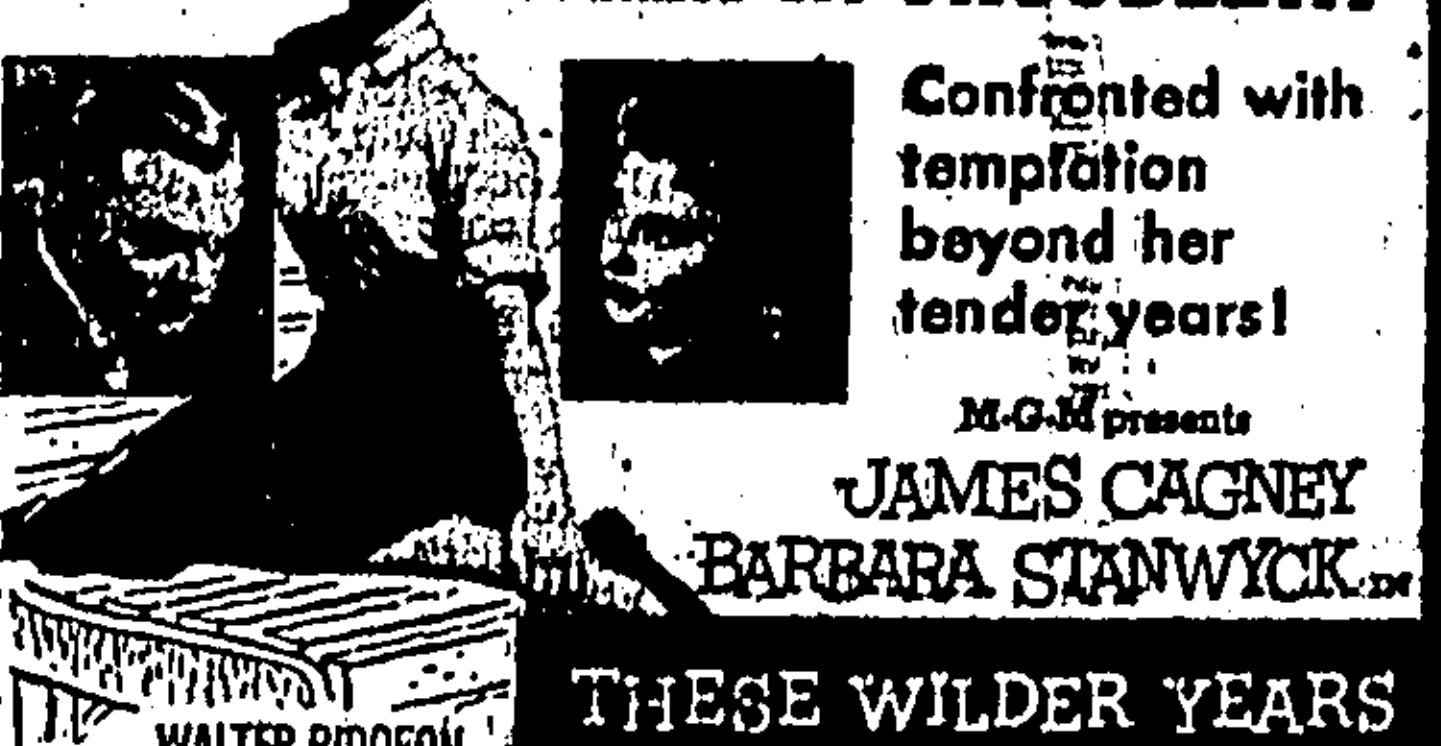
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Pakistan's 'War Of Nerves' Against India

US DIFFERS ON OBLIGATIONS OF DEFENCE PACTS

Washington, Feb. 17.

Premier Hussein Suhrawardy's statement that the Baghdad and SEATO powers were "bound" to go to Pakistan's aid if that country is attacked by India was regarded here today as part of a "war of nerves" between the two countries.

United States officials declined to comment formally on the Pakistani Premier's radio statement. Their caution was believed to stem from two factors:

★ 1. They did not want to be drawn into the propaganda battle renewed between India and Pakistan on the Kashmir issue simultaneously with reopening of the question before the United Nations.

Implication

★ 2. The implication in Mr. Suhrawardy's statement that the United States is committed to go to Pakistan's aid in case of aggression by India does not conform with Washington's understanding of its obligations under the SEATO pact.

The American position is that SEATO was set up as a defence against the danger of Communist aggression. The United States made its stand clear in a note attached to the SEATO treaty.

In case of aggression within the SEATO treaty area by a non-Communist country, the United States is not obligated to act within SEATO provisions.

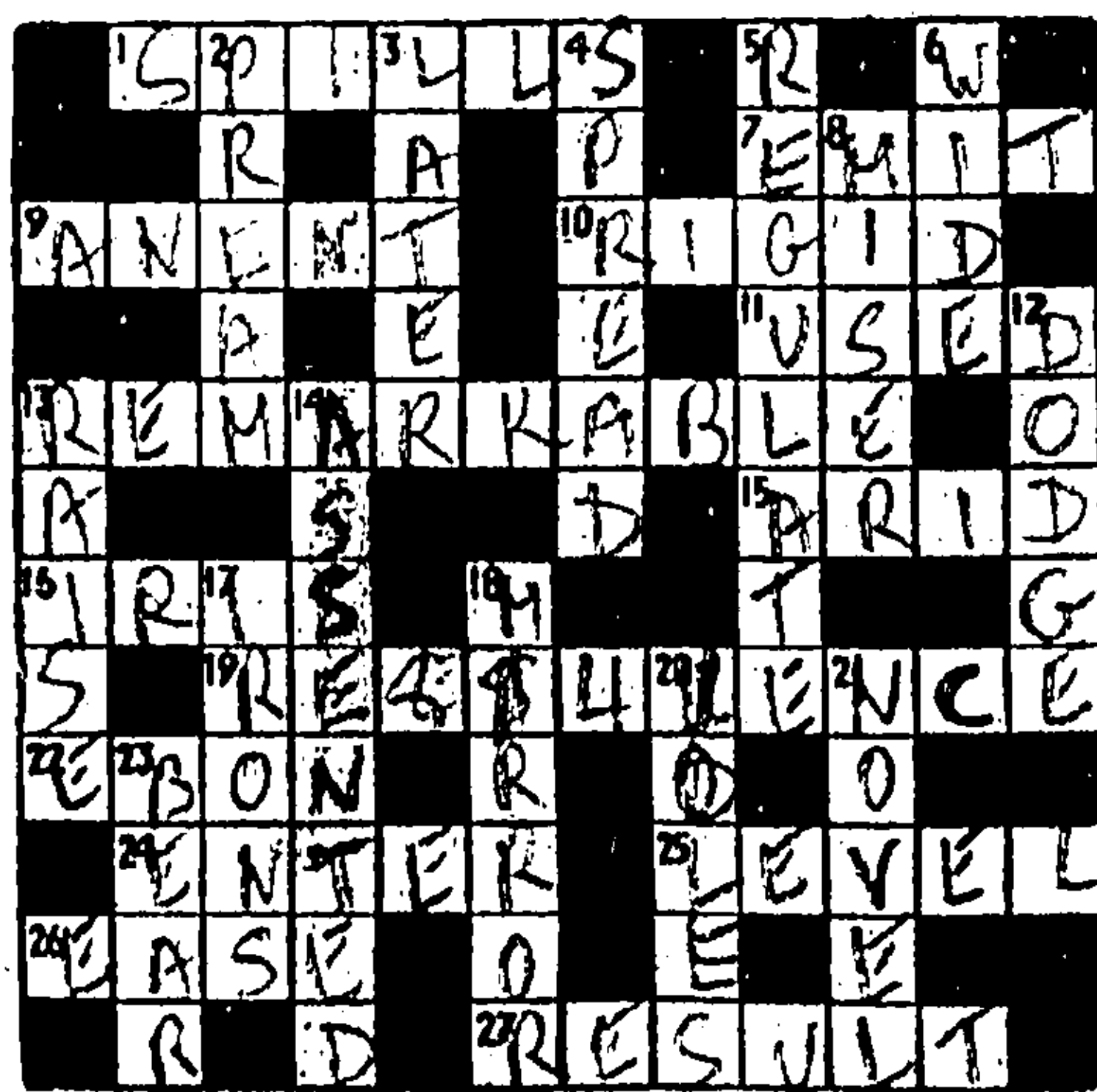
The Baghdad pact, which the US supports without actually being a member, is also regarded by the United States as a defence against Communist aggression.

New Effort

The distinction is seen in official quarters here as being of academic importance in the case of Indian-Pakistan differences. Whatever fears may exist in Pakistan, US experts cannot bring themselves to believe that an Indian attack on Pakistan is a practical possibility.

Official US attention, therefore, is centred on the Security Council's new effort to resolve the Kashmir issue. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ON AN ISLAND IN THE SUN

I FELT A CHILL IN MY HEART

PALERMO (Sicily).

HERE by the warm shores of Sicily I feel a little chilled at heart this week-end. For here in this place of beauty, where Vistavision mountains plunge into a Technicolour sea, where orange trees glisten in the daytime and fishing boats are painted in Van Gogh shades, I have come face to face with one of the most disturbing facts in British political life today.

I have seen the people who may make grim nonsense out of Mr Macmillan's determination to jerk us into Europe's new Common Market.

I have seen the Italian unemployed.

Before I came to Palermo I thought I knew all about unemployment in Italy.

I had seen the statistics. I had seen the sad, realistic films about Italian slums featuring Magnani or Lollobrigida in glamorous settings. But now I have seen the real thing, and it has no glamour at all.

ROMANTIC—BUT...

COME with me out into the hill country behind Palermo. The road twists wildly up and down the sides of the valleys. We pass loaded mules; we pass hedges of cactus. We pass the great tomb of the bandit Giuliano high up above the sea in a little hillside cemetery. It is all very romantic.

Then we come to the country town of Partinico, and suddenly the romance stops.

Out of every 10 men in Partinico three men are out of work today.

I saw where those men live. I was taken to one small, clay-floored room with a damp, curving roof.

The room is the home of 13 people. A woman showed me its kitchen—a brick stove in one corner behind a rag curtain. Its window—the gap of daylight which is left by the open door.

FOR 17 YEARS

HER husband! He was camping in the fields scavenging for food to eat or sell.

—for there, where one man in three can find no work, I found the truth about the threat to our prosperity

by Robert Pitman

He and his family have been living in that dreadful room for 17 years, and in row after row of mud streets and tiny, crumbling homes it is the same with all the workless in Partinico.

It is the same here in Palermo too. The tourist is shown the picture-postcard waterfront. He is shown the cathedral and the giant post office which Mussolini built. He is not shown the tiny alleys behind them, alleys which are more sordid even than any Arab quarter I have seen.

He is not shown the incredible, sty-like huts which the workless squatters of Palermo have built for themselves out of rubble.

But it will be said: "What has all this to do with us? What does all this poverty under the Mediterranean sun mean for Britain?"

Now that our Empire trade will be broken down, it means a lot. It means that these wretched people are now our problem too. From now on they will be part of our economic life.

THE WORKLESS

LOOK at the figures. The whole of Italy has 2,000,000 unemployed, but this sun-stricken island of Sicily alone has 200,000 of them, and a further 400,000 Sicilians are without any work for most months in the year.

As one local industrialist told me in his shining new marble office: "Out of a total population of 4,600,000 you can say that we have 600,000 unemployed in Sicily."

He meant it almost as a boast. He was explaining to me why Sicily is so wonderfully ripe for development, but I could not help reflecting that with our population this would mean nearly 7,000,000 unemployed or under-employed in British terms.

Yet could unemployment in Italy ever bring down queues to Britain?

These jobless Sicilians are mostly farmworkers. They do not compete with our factories. Could they ever, even with the free-trading Common Market, bring distress to us too?

Such questions ignore a simple fact: that depression is a leprosy which spreads to anything it touches.

GOING NORTH

CONSIDER Italy alone. Already the cleverest and most enterprising of the unemployed in Palermo are moving north to Milan and Turin.

Because of this supply of labour the factory owners of North Italy can keep their wages well below British levels. They can out-sell us with cars, motor-scooters, typewriters—not because their efficiency is high but because their wage-bill is low.

But what will happen when the industrialists finally develop South Italy and Sicily?

FOR BRITAIN THAT MAY BE AN EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THREAT.

The Americans are now developing oilfields in Sicily.

Sicily now produces cement. It will soon have an electronics industry.

Palermo itself has a gear-making factory and two cotton mills.

The wages for adult women in those mills: from 11d. an hour for ordinary millhands to 1s. 4d. for the highly skilled.

OPEN DOOR

WOULD anyone work for such rates? To get out of these dank alleys, certainly.

Low wages plus brand-new industry—the formula could bring a sunny new Japan to the doorstep of Britain, and this time with the Common Market in action the door itself will be wide open.

Be sure that mass unemployment for Britain could slip in too.

Who then are in favour of the Common Market? Well, there are the Italians of course.

I spoke to Francesco Gestivo, one of Sicily's trade union leaders, a shrewd, wise man with a fine record of opposition both to Mussolini and to the Communists.

He said: "We are looking forward to it very much. It may enable us to get rid of some of our unemployment. We may even be able to sell you some of our vegetables and fruit."

In pointed out that to please British and Empire farmers Mr Macmillan's version of the Common Market will not extend to food. He said, as the French free trade enthusiasts have also said to their peasant farmers, "Ah, I think it will in time."

A SHOCK

BUT the keenest devotee of the Common Market whom I have met was not a trade unionist. He was a man of wealth, an intellectual.

Together we talked on the terrace of the big old-fashioned hotel where I am staying—a terrace where both Edward VII and the Kaiser once sat talking.

My friend told me, "You British must learn to be good Europeans like your Mr. Thorneycroft with his Italian wife. He is a good European. The Common Market may be a shock for some of your workers and some of your bosses too, but it may wake them up."

"And besides"—he waved a neat hand at the old quarter of Palermo across the bay—"it will help those poor people over there. Why should they be only our burden? Why shouldn't you carry some of the burden too?"

He was an Italian, of course, so I did not ask the obvious question. I did not ask him why we should ditch the Commonwealth, why we should turn our backs on the Empire merely to help carry even the most deserving burden Europe has to offer.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



My 8,580 hours in the DEATH CELL

BRITAIN is talking again about abolishing hanging. Well, that's subject on which I'm an expert. In eleven years of my life I've spent 8,580 hours—almost twelve months—in the death cell.

I wasn't there because I had committed any crime. I was there because it was my job. Sometimes I wonder how I ever managed to come out of it sane. As it is, my experiences in that grim, bare room, with its ever-present shadow of the gallows, have marked me for life. I sometimes think I am a man drained of human emotion.

THE WATCHERS

Waking and sleeping, throughout the 24 hours, his every movement is watched by two prison officers, his cell companions until the last minute.

During the night he is closely watched. If he pulls the bedclothes over his head the night duty officers will pull them down again or tell him to do so. If he becomes restless the hospital is phoned and a medical orderly comes over with a quarter grain of morphine or other sedative.

At all times, day and night, the condemned killer's behaviour is recorded in the daily occurrence book. Each morning, at 9 a.m., and again after supper, he is seen by the prison doctor, who is always accompanied by the medical orderly.

The orderly may be called to the death cell at any time during the day or night to minister to a headache, an aching tooth, or some such minor ailment.

A CHALLENGE

It was in Wandsworth in 1939 that I became medical orderly of the "death watch." That was a job nobody wanted. But it seemed to me that if one regarded nursing as a real vocation the man in the death cell represented a challenge and an opportunity.

In the next eleven years I knew and talked with more than 100 killers, among them such notorious characters as Neville Heath the sadist, Hugh Doran Trevor the mooned murderer, Tony Mancini the "chiv merchant" (a gangster who uses a knife), Christie the Billington Place stranger, Haigh the acid bath killer, and Karl Hulten the G.I. Gunman.

Because I was there to help them, they regarded me with less suspicion than the ordinary prison officers. They talked to me freely.

I listened, advised them if I could, in the last resort. When conscience or dread of their impending end got the better of their nerves, I was there with sedatives to help them sleep.

For clad in prison grey and stripped of all bluff and pretence these men were facing up to stark reality at last.

Death cells in most big prisons are roughly alike. In the centre of the cell stands a plain deal table, about 6ft. by 3ft., and four white-wood chairs. An iron frame cot stands in a corner on the opposite side of the cell from the door. It carries a coil-filled mattress and pillow, two heavy white twill sheets, two prison blankets and a white prison hospital counterpane. Near the door, in a screened alcove, are bath, washbowl and toilet.

If the man in the death cell wants them, there are plenty of cigarettes.

Stripped of all false melodrama, murder is a sordid business. Practically all murderers are actuated by greed, lust, revenge, jealousy or fear. In my experience, greed and lust account for most of the killings in Britain. Murder is stupid crime. I've heard a lot about "perfect crimes" and "intelligent murderers," but I have yet to meet one.

'hanging' by TOM JAMES

Killers like Haigh, with his acid baths, are certainly not intelligent. For the more they elaborate their arrangements, the more chances of a slip-up they create. Invariably they end in the dock.

One of the biggest snares for the murderer is his own vanity. Most of the murderers I have met are intensely vain. Even in the death cell they never lose the conviction that they are somehow superior to ordinary men and women.

From the time of their arrest and commitment to the misguided sympathy of other prisoners, their violent segregation, and the solitude shown for their health by the prison authorities, give most of them an overweening sense of importance.

A typical "big shot" was Antonio Mancini, catering manager and gangster, sentenced to death at the Old Bailey in July 1944 for the murder of Harry "Little Hubby" Disleman in a Soho club. Mancini had knifed his victim in the course of a "smash-up" gang fight. The case was recalled during the Jack Spot trial.

HIS BOAST

Mancini was in my care in the hospital ward at Brixton until his appearance at the Old Bailey. After he was sentenced I visited him daily in the condemned cell until his execution on October 31, 1941.

He openly boasted that he was the "Al Capone of Britain," and that he had such good "connections" that he could never be hanged. I am convinced he believed this until his last day on earth.

He certainly wasn't lying about his friends. While he was on remand he was visited constantly by "big shots" of London's underworld. Perfectly tailored in sober business suits, they used to arrive at the prison gates in huge American cars. Though they could never get their gifts of food, cigars and cigarettes into the prison, they saw that Tony was never short of money to buy the little luxuries he was permitted.

There were other visitors, too—high-powered "undercover men" with plenty to spend on the swartzy gangster's defence. "You see, Mr. James?" he would swagger, "I'm much too important to hang. Money can get you out of anything. The only thing is, I've got to wait weeks here until they spring me!"

The underworld certainly set the wheels turning for Tony Mancini. No expense was spared.

He enjoyed the sensation he was causing inside the prison and out. All the morning and evening papers were delivered to his cell. Aelling the part of the gangster chief, he lorded it over the petty crooks who were his companions in the hospital ward.

Romantically handsome, he never tired of admiring himself.

In the washhouse mirror, even comparing himself with the Greek god, Adonis. He took great pride in his magnificent physique and boasted that, if he had cared to, he could have been a world champion boxer. Despite his love for the bright lights, his boxing career had not been undistinguished.

SHEER FORCE

While awaiting trial, he organised the rest of the prisoners into a Swedish drill class. Night and morning, stripped to his under-pants, he had all the small-time crooks doing "knee bends" and "press-ups." He lorded it over them by sheer force of personality, and they obeyed him implicitly.

During the day he dressed impeccably in a Savile Row brown hopsack suit, with rich cream open-neck shirt and open work leather sandals of exclusive design. His chief complaint was that his carefully acquired suntan was fading in prison. He would spend hours attending to his toilet, and never failed to bathe, night and morning.

Mancini treated me with respect. Despite his toughness, his manners were always perfect. Quietly spoken, he never committed a "breach of prison etiquette."

He prided himself on his taste, and read every book he could lay his hands on. Detective novels and magazines were dismissed as "stupidly mugs." His chief joy was to settle down with a pocket digest or popular literary weekly.

Even after he had been sentenced to death, his confidence never left him. He came down from the dock laughing. "They have to make a gesture, Mr. James," he said, "but they can never hang me. I've got too many friends in the right places!"

CONFIDENT TONY

He maintained his confidence even in the death cell. Though his appeal failed, he was certain the House of Lords would make history by quashing his sentence, or at least ordering a retrial.

I saw him for the last time the night before he was hanged. He was still quite unperturbed. "They just can't hang me," he repeated.

Though I had never seen him smoking, I offered him a cigarette. He shook his head and thanked me. "No good for the wind," he said with a smile.

Until the last second when the gallows trap dropped beneath his feet, Tony Mancini remained confident that the "silly misunderstanding" would be cleared up and his liberty restored. He died as he had lived, in a fool's paradise.

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This Funny World



"Down to the corner newsstand... why?"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

ANYONE who wishes to give his autograph to a screaming mob need only mingle with the people leaving a film theatre after the first night of a film.

Hat-consciousness

A HATTER points out that there is all the difference in the world between wearing a felt hat "at a smart angle" and wearing it vulgarly. Yes, yes. But the face plays its part. The line between the smart and the vulgar is a very thin one, and what counts is the expression on the face. With a hat worn smartly the expression is dignified, self-assured, but benevolent. With a hat worn vulgarly the expression is adventurous, condescending, even saucy. It goes with a loud tie, a loud shirt, and a walking-stick twisted ostentatiously.

Mme Zaphroma

MME ZAPHROMA peered at the woman through the thick yellow smoke which filled her cavern. A ferret was chewing the nine of hearts in a corner. "You were born under Baphomet," cried the ally, snorting like a horse. She took a bodkin and pierced a

hole in a piece of cowhide, which she hung on a hook from the roof of the cave. Walking round this wilderness, she chanted the words: "Omoko bul tumark," over and over again, throwing mustard over her right shoulder, and moving like a cat. Then, taking a sheep's foot, she stepped in brine and traced the sign of Slothmuk on a brown parchment. "A fat man is coming into your life," she said. "Eneest" quivered the woman. The sibyl consulted a tavern's entrails. "Aye," she said, "that is his name."

Bravo, little one

THE Eskimo child—poet, Runomok, has written another poem. Here is a rough translation, made by Mrs McOrfall.

No wonder the whale is lonely. He is so big and fat that the nearest whale to him seems to be miles away. The smaller a fish is the closer it can get to its friends.

In passing

A 16-YEAR-OLD girl who "pulled her headmistress's hair for 20 minutes" was described by a psychiatrist as "feeling unloved and unappreciated." Who on earth told her that this was the way to endear herself to people?

YOUR BIRTHDAY... BY STELLA

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

BORN today, you have great determination and success in your vaulting ambitions will help you to overcome handicaps and obstacles which at first seem to halt others. Methodical and efficient, you know how to have energies for important matters rather than waste them on non-essentials. Straightforward, practical and matter-of-fact, you drive right to the point with a steady pace. "Slow and steady" seems to be your motto—and for you, it is the right way to proceed. You are never one to be rushed into making a decision.

You have executive ability and know how to handle people adroitly, distributing the work evenly among many assistants. At heart, you are conventional and like to follow tradition. However, there

is a sense of the dramatic in your nature, and sometimes that gets the upper hand and you do things for effect which might be better omitted. You are, however, you are able to recoup easily and, no matter what the difficulties, usually land upon your feet, ready for another start.

You have strong home and family ties. Your magnetic personality draws people to you, and you may have considerable influence in selecting your partner for life. Guard your health during and after middle age, especially by eating simple foods and refusing stimulation. You have plenty of energy when resorting to artificial means!

Among those born on this date were: Wilton Barrett, John Barrymore and Adolph Menjou, actors; Louis B. Mayer, president of the Motion Picture Company; Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate; August Belmont, banker; and Wayne King, orchestra leader.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)—Solve problems by using them up calmly today, making corrections, and then proceeding on a new path.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—There can be an adverse cross-current which upsets your best-laid plans. Be adaptable and make necessary changes.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Professional business and personal affairs can get all mixed up unless you are careful to keep them apart. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Avoid careless deal or making new contacts just now. Personal as well as business relations are concerned.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Important decisions may come up for discussion. Your health and your work may be interrelated.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Your own attitude today can resolve confusion. Be tactful and you will show wisdom.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Much depends upon how well you have organized your life in the past. You can't work a miracle in a single day!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take a positive, progressive attitude toward everything and all should go well with you now. Make plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Persons who matter how pleasant to financial affairs can prove highly important.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Discard enters your sign, so be prepared to meet opposition and conquer it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Avoid any type of excess in excitement. Be calm and reasonable, if you are to stay well and strong.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Hidden complications may cause unrest. Best technique is for you to stick closely to routine today.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Trump Lead Spoils Slam

By OSWALD JACOBY

A TRUMP lead would have settled South's hand immediately when the hand was played in the recent regional tournament in Hartford. Practically every West player led the king of hearts, however, hoping to get a heart trick and the ace of clubs.

At most tables the rest of the play was fairly easy. Dummy won the first trick with the ace of hearts, cashed the ace of diamonds, and led a diamond for declarer to ruff. South next led a club for dummy to ruff and cross-ruff hearts and clubs to make sure of 12 tricks: six trumps in his own hand, four ruffs in dummy, and two side aces.

At one table West managed to throw a monkey wrench into the works. When declarer ruffed a

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♥	A 10 6 3	
♦	A J 8 4 3	
♣	None	
WEST		
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♥	K Q 7 4	
♦	Q 5	
♣	A 10 7 2	
EAST		
♠	None	
♥	J 9 5 2	
♦	K 10 9 7 2	
♣	Q 8 4 3	
SOUTH		
♠	Q J 7 6 5 3	
♥	8	
♦	6	
♣	K J 9 6 5	
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heart in his hand, West dropped the queen. Fearing an overruff, South concentrated on ruffing diamonds in his own hand, and West got an early chance to overruff with the ten of spades. West then returned a trump, and South wound up with only 10 tricks instead of 12.

There was no risk at all in West's false-card, since his partner could obviously control the rest of the hearts. The important thing was to score South away from the winning play into a line that would lose.

CARD SENSE

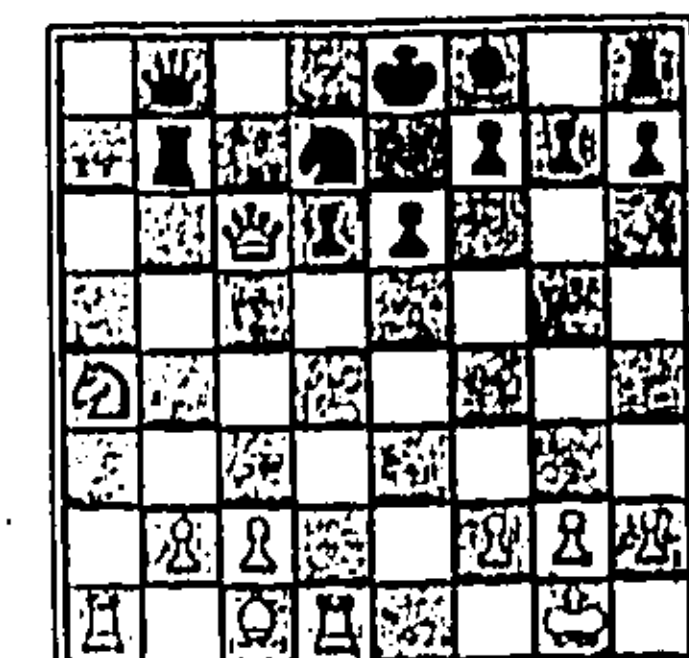
Q—The bidding has been:
North: 1 Diamond
East: 1 Heart
South: 2 NT
West: 3 NT
You, South, hold:
♠ A 8
♥ K Q 8 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ K Q 5 3 2
What do you do?
A—Bid three clubs. If you can find a fit, you will insist on a slam in hearts or clubs.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ A 8
♥ K Q 8 5 2
♦ A 6
♣ K Q 5 3 2
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



A position won by Smyslov, who this year plays a match for the World Championship. How does White (to move) obtain a decisive material advantage?

Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Q-K6 (threat 2 R-B5). A most surprising key, allowing numerous discovered checks, and based on the half-pin by the white B.

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13. K-Q6 (threat 2 R-B5). A most surprising key, allowing numerous discovered checks, and based on the half-pin by the white B.

WOMANSENSE

NEW CREATIONS FROM PARIS



An evening coiffure and a new hat from the Paris collections. Left: "La Camargo", an original coiffure ornamented with black velvet net and nacreous of contrasting colour. From Georgette de Tivoli. Right: "Kongwa", a big cloche typical of the new trend in Sven-Jacques Heim's collection. It is of white felt applied with blue organdy. — Agence France-Presse.

CARING FOR CORDUROY

By ELEANOR ROSS

ONE fabric that has undergone many changes is corduroy. Not only has it been used for dressy clothes as well as fine sportswear, but it is now appearing as a home-furnishing fabric.

Some corduroys have a new softness; others have glaze finishes to give a stiff surface to prints and sculptured effects. Colour choice covers a wide range and there are some extremely handsome prints.

Corduroys are now processed to withstand wrinkles and spots and are sun-fast, shrink-proof, vat-dyed and abrasion-tested.

Many of them carry the label "machine washable" and, of course, all may be washed by hand. The new weaves—including many novel weaves—are designed for longer wear.

Because of its durability, corduroy can now be used in lighter-than-ever colours in clothes as well as bedspreads,

dressing-table skirts and draperies; or as a bright colour accent in pillows, lampshades and other decorative touches.

Because it is made of cotton except for the occasional use of rayon for lustre, caring for corduroy has none of the headaches that go with caring for the new synthetic blends. There is no melting, scratching or sparking—and no moth worries, either. But because there are different qualities and finishes used for different purposes, the smart homemaker will follow the instructions attached to the particular item to be laundered.

Many firms now carry special scales certifying washability by commercial laundries as well as by home washing machines. However, if the alp cover, casper or garment has complicated tailoring, then dry-cleaning is recommended.

Here, briefly, are simple rules that should guarantee good results when washing your corduroy articles.

Use any mild soap and warm water. Squeeze suds through the fabric and rinse by pressing

water through gently. Never twist corduroy or put it through a wringer because this tends to set deep creases into the pile.

If the garment tag prescribes washing by machine, follow instructions implicitly. Generally, these instructions advise no bleach, use of short cycle and removal of trimmings.

After it has been washed, hang corduroy with care to eliminate creasing and to restore the pile. When removing garments from water, straighten it out as though you were going to put it on or use it soaking wet. Turn up overall cuffs, reset collar, turn back

Put the garments on clothes hangers as though you were going to replace them in the closet. Hang jackets, shirts and dresses on hangers, skirts from the waist-band and overalls at the leg bottoms. Then hang them in the shade to drip-dry. Hang draperies and spreads lengthwise, with the right side out.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

It Was Purr Purr's Fault

—All the Animals Got Out of the Picture Book—

By MAX TRELL

IT was all Purr Purr, the black kitten's fault. She had come into the room, chasing after a mouse.

All at once, she fancied she saw the end of the mouse's nose sticking out from behind the bookcase. Everyone in the house was asleep. Purr Purr swung!

The mouse disappeared! And then a most extraordinary thing happened.

Crowd of Animals
Out of the overturned bookcase came a whole crowd of animals! It was the National History Book. The lions and tigers and monkeys and giraffes and all the other animals who belonged in the book came tumbling out.

Purr Purr scampered out of the room as fast as she could go.

But Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children, with the turned-about names, and Mr. Punch and his wife, Judy, and General Tin, the tin soldier, woke up with a start to find animals running all around the floor.

It was as if a whole Zoo had got loose!

Under The Table
Hanid went chasing after a hippopotamus, no bigger than an apple. The hippopotamus finally dashed under the table where the geranium stood and she seized it.

"Be quiet!" Hanid scolded. "Don't you know better than to come running out of a book?"

Then she took it over to the Natural History Book and

dropped it gently back inside. "I guess it belongs right here," Hanid said to herself as she heard it splash into a picture of a marsh and then go wallowing off.

Meanwhile, Knarf was catching some long-tailed monkeys who had managed to get to the top of the window and were sitting all in a row on the curtain rod, chattering and screeching.

Hanid held the right page of the book open for the monkeys—a picture of a thick grove of trees in a jungle—and Knarf dropped them in, one by one.

Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Punch and Judy and General Tin didn't have much trouble getting the little deer and the antelope and the kangaroo back into the book.

Hanid held the book open while Knarf ran after them with a little stick and shouted: "Jump! Jump!"

The kangaroo was so small and cute that Hanid held it in

the palm of her hand before she let it jump back into the book.

Hanid held the book flat on the floor while General Tin drove in the herd of elephants.

Marched Quietly
The camels, the giraffes, the rhinoceros and the bears all marched in very quietly.

Even the lions and tigers and leopards ran swiftly in, without making a sound as they ran.

As for the parrots and the other birds, including the ostrich, they all flew or jumped in.

Finally, the only animal left was a mouse. Knarf saw him sitting in the corner of the room, looking at him with bright eyes.

Mr. Punch and General Tin joined Knarf in catching the mouse. But it wasn't easy.

"Oh, he's exactly the same size as a regular mouse!" Hanid said to herself, and squeezed him back into the book. The mouse squeaked with all his might.

It was the real mouse, of course. The one Purr Purr had been chasing.

A Day In The Life Of A Pocket-sized Woman

By AMANDA MARSHALL

WHEN your daughter starts standing, quite literally, on her own feet, and not a moment later, you realise that you have

SENIOR SHIELD MATCH

SOUTH CHINA'S 3-0 WIN
OVER KITCHEE WAS A
TREAT TO SUNDAY FANS

By "TOUCHWOOD"

It's South China versus Kowloon Motor Bus for the Hongkong Football Association's Senior Shield final. So well and in a most convincing manner did the Carolinians get down to their task in their semi-final round against Kitchee at the Hongkong Stadium yesterday that there was never a moment of doubt as to who would be the finalist in this practically one-sided match before a sell-out crowd.

South China's 3-0 win over Kitchee was as clear as crystal. The shock goal early in the fifth minute by Ho Cheung-yau must have been responsible for taking away the fighting spirit of Kitchee who never seemed to be able to recover from this initial setback.

Kitchee must have left their shooting boots back in Manila. Their spate of victories at the Manila Rizal Stadium were not in the least convincing. It must have been humiliating for them to see the South China forward line beating Tam Nai-huen time and again.

If Kitchee had only a shooting forward line, things might have ended differently, with the possibility of a very narrow margin of victory for South China. But with the line-up of Szeto Man, Kwok Yau, Yeung Wai-to, Lee Tai-fai and Lee Tak-tong, as well as the three men with the only exception of inside-left Lee Tai-fai were all goal-shy.

When South China took a 2-0 lead, Kitchee had two open chances to wipe off the deficit, but then Lee Tai-fai and later Szeto Man muffed goal scoring chances.

CHANCES GALORE

I would point my finger at Kitchee's wingers, Szeto Man and Lee Tak-tong, for not working hard enough to feed the inside men. These two had chances galore for them to score, but they wasted too much time inside the box before distributing the ball.

What a contrast it was with the South China team, who were a side with a nippy forward line and it was a real treat to watch them zig-zagging past

defender after defender and eventually placing the ball past Kitchee's Tam Nai-huen.

A surprising move by the Carolinians was playing newcomer Chui Pak-lik at right-wing in place of Chu Wing-wah who took over Mok Cheung-yin's position on the left. Mok and Yiu Cheuk-yin both played in the inside-left and centre-forward positions. Lee Yuk-tak, the South China centre-forward, did not play in this match.

Full marks to Chui Pak-lik for his good show and if this player is given more opportunities to play for his team he could make a very good Colony winger. Chui was always a danger man once he got into top gear and those occasions when he had the chance to lift his foot, it gave the Kitchee custodian quite a trying time.

Lau Chi-ling, Luk Tak-hay and Tan Kar-sow were the stalwarts of the South China defence. Of these three, Lau and Tan were great spoilers whenever Kitchee staged their sporadic raids. It could be said that forwards Chui Pak-lik, Ho Cheung-yau, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Cheung-yin and Chu Wing-wah won the match for their team. They were too fast for their opponents and their short passing was so accurate that it hardly went to the wrong man. Ho Cheung-yau's two goals were so sudden that they hardly gave Tam Nai-

huen a chance to move his hands.

SUPERB CONTROL

Yiu Cheuk-yin was a schemer at centre-forward and it was his superb ball control that made it difficult for the Kitchee defenders to police him. There was a scene of 'comic opera' to amuse the Sunday crowd when the referee made South China's Tan Kar-sow and Kitchee's centre-forward, Yeung Wai-to, shake hands after these two had an exchange of words.

Kitchee kicked off and before the Carolinians had time to settle down, Lee Tai-fai sent in a pile driver that hit a defender just outside the box.

South China's Mok Cheung-yin ran the ball up, crossed it over to Yiu Cheuk-yin who tapped it over to Chu Wing-wah and Chui let fly a random shot which came very close to beating Tam Nai-huen. This was in the fourth minute.

Next minute, before one could light a cigarette, South China were one up. It happened like this: Yiu Cheuk-yin pounced on a loose ball, worked past two defenders and back-kicked it to Ho Cheung-yau and Ho without stopping the ball sent in a very low grounder that had Tam Nai-huen rooted.

The Nam Wah boys came very close to increasing their score when they had two successive corner kicks. The first one was deflected out by Kitchee's Kwok Sek and with Chui Pak-lik lifted the second shot hovering over Tam Nai-huen, right-winger Chui Pak-lik headed the ball inches out.

TOTAL FAILURE

The losers had a chance to test Lau Kin-chung in the 14th minute. Kwok Yau took a shot on the run but it landed on top of the roof of the net. Keeping up their pressure the Kitchee forwards like an army of ants, swarmed all over the South China goalmouth and as each of them did their utmost to beat Lau Kin-chung their efforts ended with total failure due to the tight defence put up by the SCA's defenders. The Carolinians hit back with the devastating raids that had the Kitchee players on the run. In one of these attacks Yiu Cheuk-yin found an opening and in a trice he placed the ball in the back of the net to give South China a 2-0 lead.

Chui Cheung-yin was knocked out temporarily in the 32nd minute when he slipped a hard drive off the boot of Szeto Man. With Chui out of the picture, Kitchee muffed two open chances. When the interval arrived the Carolinians kept their 2-0 lead intact, but after the resumption they increased their score to 3-0 in the first minute.

Yiu Cheuk-yin lofted a high shot over to Ho Cheung-yau who put his head to the ball to beat Tam Nai-huen.

Kitchee tried every trick they knew in their efforts to bridge the deficit and they could have made the score a bit closer had their forwards used their shooting boots more accurately.

TEAMS

South China: Lau Kin-chung; Lau Chi-ling, Kwok Yau, Tan Kar-sow, Chan Chi-hong, Chui Pak-lik, Ho Cheung-yau, Yiu Cheuk-yin, Mok Cheung-yin, Chu Wing-wah. Kitchee: Tam Nai-huen; Szeto Man, Kwok Sek, Chan Fei-hung, Lee Ping-chiu, Chau Man-chi, Szeto Man, Kwok Yau, Yeung Wai-to, Lee Tai-fai, Lee Tak-tong.

CAROLINERS ON DEFENSIVE



South China's goalkeeper Lau Kin-chung punches the ball out before Kitchee's forwards can do any damage in yesterday's Senior Shield match at the Hongkong Stadium. The Carolinians won 3-0.—China Mail Photo.

LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Saints Overcome Pandas
3-2 In Thrilling Return
Clash At King's Park

By "TIME OUT"

Although only two games were settled out of the four-game attraction featured, fans who worked their way up to the Association's ground at King's Park had more than their money's worth as the long-awaited return clash between the Saints and Pandas went through nine full innings before the Pandas would bow out to a 2-3 defeat.

Winning pitcher A. R. Salleh of the Saints turned in an excellent job on the mound, holding the slap-happy Pandas to three scattered hits in his nine-inning tenure.

Displaying brilliant control, Salleh never weakened under the strain and became more effective as the game progressed. He allowed his mates to stop the Pandas into their second straight defeat and knock them into a two-way tie for second-place honours.

The encounter was certainly a 'battering' and the Saints' batsmen and long' off' the Pandas were out to fasten their grasp on the top rung of the pennant ladder, while the Pandas were making a last-ditch effort to keep their pennant hopes alive. Right from the start of play, the Saints' batsmen were in a class of their own, hitting the Pandas' pitching with a neat single to the infield to put the Saints in the lead.

Jumping into the lead as early as the first frame, Saints' Art Ozorio worked a free ticket to first after one out and promptly stole second. Ballhawk Benny Omar then capped the Saints' lead with a neat single to centrefield to put the Saints in the lead.

Following suit with another smash through short but veteran Y. S. Liang, playing a sterling game at the windy alley, rapidly erased the following two batters to see his Omar and Leonard left stranded.

In the third frame, the Pandas threatened when Frank Cheng arrived at third base after two outs, but Lam Ping's hard liner could not penetrate the unerring mitt of Claude Pugh at short and the Pandas were out.

COSTLY MISUSE
Capitalising on a costly misuse by third-sacker Wally Ma, the Pandas notched up another tally in their half of the third to lead 2-0. Yesterday's hero, A. G. Ismail opened the frame with a free hit at first when the Pandas' batsman looked ripe for a close play. Stealing second on the next pitch, Ismail was sacrificed to scoring position at third.

A double-bunt at the plate saw their hopes being dashed considerably and when Dave Leonard only managed a "out" written all over it, the Pandas' hopes of pulling away seemed distant, but the Pandas were working their way for after having made a brilliant pick-up of the high bouncer at third, Wally Ma lobbed the pill erratically to first and Ismail scooped over the pan for the second run. Wally Ma soon redeemed himself, however, as the fourth

frame saw a drive through the box coming from his hickory after one out, and when Honniball's hard-hit grounder was tumbled at shortstop he romped home to break the egg-like deadlock in the Pandas' score-sheet. Bobby Tao then popped to end the inning.

The fourth chapter saw the Pandas' batsmen again as Mamie Xavier straddled second base after one out. Sherry Bucks then tapped a teaser fly to right that had Xavier running at the crack of the bat, but outfielder Sonny Honniball rushed onto the scene in a last-minute spurt and speared the ball with one hand off the grass-tops at right-field to catch Xavier off base for the tail-end of an unassisted double-play.

With a 2-1 lead in favour of the Pandas, the battle waged into the sixth when ballhawk Y. S. Liang came across with the Pandas' equaliser. After receiving a free pass to first, Liang stole second and when the throw went wide he hit dirt safely at third base. While Wally Ma failed in pushing him across on a bunt, Honniball did the honours with a lowering fly to left field to score Liang and the Pandas were tied.

Trying desperately to break the deadlock in their half, the Pandas planned runners on first and second before the inning was one-out. In a strategic hit-and-run effort to advance the runners safely, A. K. Ismail was nailed at first base for the second out. Pandas third-sacker Ma was not to be fooled twice for he picked up Mamie Xavier's grounder and, with pinpoint accuracy, fired it to first to retire the side.

A FINAL BID

The Pandas opening of the seventh also saw them making a final bid at pulling away and the situation looked ripe for Bobby Tao started the ball rolling with a single to centre, advancing on a sacrifice. Jackie Wei grounded feebly to second base for the second out while the Pandas' batsman looked ripe for a close play. Stealing second on the next pitch, Ismail was sacrificed to scoring position at third.

Brilliant defensive playing by both teams in the extended innings allowed tension to mount and while Salleh's fingers kept their superb accuracy, losing a hurler Jackie Wei was dying a slow death on the mound. The ace finally fell in the last half of the ninth after two outs when Wei yielded two hits and a walk

to lose the ballgame. On the second out, Saints' Sherry Bucks singled through the box and Salleh walked to place runners on first and second. Facing a two-and-two count, Saint hero A. G. Ismail rifled a sizzling grass-cutter through the box to end the inning.

Bobby Tao muffed the play at second base, tripped over his own feet and went sprawling into the dust while the ball trickled slowly into the outfield. When the elusive pill was finally corralled by Lam Ping, Bucks had dented the rubber and the ballgame was over! A most heart-breaking conclusion to an afternoon of intense excitement.

On the run of the play, this game was definitely of first-class calibre and though the Pandas were a slight shade better than their opponents yesterday, they had a hard fight on their hands for nine full innings before the verdict was conceded in their favour.

While A. G. Ismail claimed top honours with his timely game-winning single in the ninth, winning pitcher A. R. Salleh by no means was forgotten in the distribution of plaudits for he turned in a masterful performance on the slab and his pinpointed accuracy never failed him in his nine-inning toil. Batting honours were shared between A. G. Ismail and Dave Leonard of the Saints who had two hits apiece while in the fielding department, young Sonny Honniball of the Pandas stole the scene in the fourth frame with a running one-handed catch that brought off an unassisted double-play.

AN EASY TIME
In another Senior "A" game settled yesterday, the Pandas' Warriors had an easy time in disposing of their lowly opponents, the cellar-dwelling US Navy contingent, drubbing them with a 13-0 count. Joint leaders were the Warriors, the youthful Blackhaws also retained their position at the top of the League table without 'moving a muscle' as the weak ACG contingent failed to put up an appearance and thus conceded a walkover. This game, however, may be replayed at a later date.

The early morning game at 9.30 a.m. also disappointed fans as the official announcement of the postponement was received too late for publication and fans trooping out to the park early had a long wait in store before actual play got underway for the second game at 11.30 a.m.

Heavyweight Fight Fest In
Store When Erskine
Meets Nino Valdes

London, Feb. 17.

British fight fans have a heavyweight fest on Tuesday night when Joe Erskine, undefeated British Heavyweight Champion, meets Nino Valdes of Cuba, hitherto unbeaten during his European campaign, and Joe Bygraves, the British Empire Champion, puts his title at stake against Henry Cooper.

Promoter Jack Solomons is also to put on a Novices Heavyweight competition, so that the big men will for once have the ring almost to themselves.

A capacity crowd of 18,000 is expected at the Earl's Court Stadium for, on paper, this looks to be one of the best boxing programmes staged in London for a very long time. They are "make or break" bouts both for Erskine and Bygraves.

The 24-year-old Welsh Champion from Cardiff can be fighting for the world crown in June against the new Champion, Floyd Patterson, if he beats the dusky Cuban as he is confidently expected to do.

So sure is Solomons that Erskine will win that he was already booking his air passage to New York four days after the contest, to fix up fights for the Welsh heavyweight, his chief aim being to get Patterson to come to London to meet the "undefeated" British Heavyweight Champion.

Whether Solomons succeeds or not, a win over Valdes, especially if it is a good one, will put Erskine in line for a tilt at the title, even though Valdes is considered something of a back-number in the state.

EXTRA SPEED
That is all the more reason why the Welsh boy must win. The experts believe that if he can weather the first two or three rounds he will wear down the Cuban by his extra speed and skill.

Erskine has trained terribly hard for this bout, realising its great importance to him and he will enter the ring trained to the minute. His last fight was the minute ago when he took the vacant British title by out-pointing Johnny Williams. This was his 30th successive victory.

At the ringside besides thousands of faithful Welsh followers will be his attractive 24-year-old red-headed wife Junette. She is his lucky mascot. "I never suffer from nerves because I have such confidence in Joe," she says.

His one apprehension is his eyes. In each of his last four fights his chief opponent has been "eye" rather than his boxing rival. Valdes will know this and will be out to get in severe blows to the head in the early rounds.

Some of the gym experts who have seen Valdes in action have been wondering whether he has had enough training for the fight.

He can at least point to the fact that he has had more fights than the Welshman during the last six months.

A GREAT BATTLE
It should be a great battle between the two men, as should that between Bygraves and the 25-year-old Jamaican-born Empire Champion from Cheshire, and his blond south country rival, Cooper.

Bygraves, realising that with so many British heavyweights bidding for his Empire crown he must win, for if he loses his title it may not be easy for him to get another shot at it.

Cooper has the advantage that he has a rival when they last met, nearly two years ago. He is eager to win the Empire title.

Distinguished Wicket
Carl Wyatt, the young Indian Recreation Club fast bowler, on Saturday enjoyed a distinction which seldom comes the way of local cricketers—he clean bowled a former captain of Gloucestershire.

The distinguished victim was B. E. Lyon, one of the best known players in English first class cricket from the middle twenties to the late thirties. In his prime he was a forceful and punishing batsman and scored prolifically.

Lyon's cricketing career started at Oxford University where he obtained his BSc. He also played for Warwickshire in the Minor Counties competition and subsequently qualified for Gloucestershire. He captained the county side during some of its palmiest days and when the team included such cricketers as Wally Hammond and Tom Goddard.

Lyon, who is paying a visit to Hongkong as Chairman of the Far East Division (Referee), turned out for the Gloucestershire team on Saturday. He opened the innings against the "Tiger" who was bowled by Owen Hughes and scored 11 before being bowled by Wyatt.

little and then challenge Erskine for his British crown. It would also enhance his prospects against the European Heavyweight Champion, Ingemar Johnsson of Sweden, whom he meets in the middle of next month either in Stockholm or Gothenburg.

British fans are hoping to see victories for their "white hopes," Erskine and Cooper, against their coloured adversaries but neither is going to find victory come easily. — China Mail Special.

Craigengower Puzzled By Pettit

By "RECORDER"

Though Army South's medium to fast bowler David Pettit has undoubtedly deserved some of his recent bowling analyses, his eight wickets for 22 runs against Craigengower at Happy Valley on Saturday were rather flattering to a bowling display that was not "devastating".

Pettit has been so much discussed of late as a result of steady weekly wicket-taking successes that there is much controversy as to whether he swings one way or the other way of, for that matter, both ways and as to how occasionally one is to expect him to produce an off-break.

Craigengower's batsmen on Saturday were in his every movement with such hawk-like concentration that they were generally clean bowled while waiting for the umpire to no-ball Pettit who has a tendency to overrun the bowling crease. The result was a steady procession back to the pavilion, even if this did take some 75 minutes, for 60 runs.

Army's captain, Pat Howard Dobson held three catches off Pettit's bowling at silly mid-off, one of these being a lovely, low one-handed effort that dismissed Budge Dhabher who was most unlucky to have his innings so terminated and was one of a very small minority of Craigengower batsmen on Saturday who did not actually throw their wicket away.

Even George Souza had one "life" before his innings terminated, also to a catch by Howard Dobson at silly mid-off. After a very modest contribution of five.

INTERESTING
There were two most interesting features about this match. One was that the two batsmen most comfortable against Pettit were left-handers George Hong Choy, who scored nine runs and has always been a notoriously slow scorer, and K. Y. Tang who was undefeated with 20 runs to his credit.

The other was Howard Dobson's continued success with his close to the wicket fielding. He has probably held as many catches this season—though we haven't kept an exact count—as any wicket-keeper in the League and nearly all of these were either at silly mid-off or for a wicket-keeper's leg. I have on occasion seen him pick these almost off the bat.

Otherwise the game was extremely uninteresting though, in fairness to Craigengower, one must say that they put in a determined bid to dismiss Army South for under 60 runs and kept the visitors in for 76 minutes over their 61 runs for victory.

Howard's success much of Craigengower in action in the past two seasons, but their fielding on Saturday was certainly the best I have seen for a long time, in spite of at least one very unhelpfully dropped catch. Former wicketkeeper "Tiger" Ismail was particularly agile and held every nice catch at point to dismiss Major Ball.

The throwing in was also spirited and accurate, claimed one victim and made it dangerous to attempt short runs. Finally, both Dhabher and Billmeyer were extremely unlucky as on quite a few occasions they beat the Army South batsmen only to miss contact with the stumps by fractions of an inch.

Other First Division matches on Saturday were: Worcester vs. Gloucestershire at Worcester for the County Championship; Gloucestershire vs. Warwickshire at Worcester for the County Championship; Gloucestershire vs. Warwickshire at Worcester for the County Championship; Gloucestershire vs. Warwickshire at Worcester for the County Championship.

79 Nations To Take
Part In International
Golf At Tokyo

Tokyo, Feb. 17.

Mr Fred Corcoran, Tournament Director of the International Golf Association, said here today the 1957 International Trophy and Canada Cup match will be played over the Kasumigaseki Country Golf Club course in Tokyo in October.

Golfers from some 79 nations are expected to take part in the event.

The tentative dates for the tournament were announced as between October 24 to October 27.

The 36-hole, 7,005-yard par 72 course was described by Mr Corcoran as similar to the Wingfoot Golf Course in New York.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 9th (Annual) Race Meeting 1956/57 to be held on Saturday 2nd, Wednesday 6th and Saturday 9th March, 1957, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 19th February, 1957.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

NOTICE

Amendment to Programme of the Ninth (Annual) Race Meeting Season 1956/57

1957 PONIES

(3rd Day) Wongneichong Stakes.
(3rd Day) Lusitano Cup.

Entries for the above will NOT be restricted to one race only. Ponies may be entered for either one or both races.

By Order,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

THE GAMBOLS



NAVY WIN HEXANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP

By "PAK NG LO WAH"

The Royal Navy XV made sure of winning the Hexangular Rugby Tournament last Saturday when they beat the Royal Air Force on the Club ground by eight points to nil.

In the game which immediately followed this the Sailors' position became unassailable when the Hongkong Football Club team triumphed by eleven clear points against Army South.

The Southerners were the only side who could have equalled the Navy's possible points total. This result means that the only positional tussle to be decided by next Saturday's concluding games is that between Club and Army South for the Runners-up berth.

At Boundary Street a 14-man Army North team just beat the Police 13-11.

The chosen referee for this game mistakenly made his way to Boundary St., and Captain Courtice, R.E. who was an intended referee, accepted a last-minute offer to officiate.

The Army side was weakened by the absence of its Captain, de Cordova.

For the first 20 minutes Club pressed hard and rarely left the Soldiers' half. During this period the Army conceded three kickable penalties that O'Kelly (2) and Gault narrowly missed. The Club three were pressing well but failing to make much ground. O'Kelly frequently moved up from the fullback position to make the extra three-quarter but the Army covering defence was too good.

Steward, the Club scrum-half, was rather slow and after 20 minutes broke cleanly away from a scrum on the Army 10-yard line, but was too slow to make more than half the short distance to the line before he stopped.

LOOSE MAUL

Stevens was playing his usual bustling game on the wing and nearly scored after intercepting a ball on the Army 25. He was grossed just short of the line and the Club forwards did not follow up fast enough to take advantage of the ensuing loose maul.

Club at last succeeded in kicking a penalty goal when Gault put one over from 25 yards half way out. This was the only score in the first half.

The second half opened with the Army pressing hard. Rowe at scrum half was sometimes erratic in his passes but fly half Mellor, who had a good game, showed some excellent catching and passing. The South-eastern's three were beginning to look dangerous. Lee-centre Owen-Smith cut through quite well, finding winger Izod a clear run for the line but his pass to the latter player was slightly forward. This was indeed a golden chance thrown away and a blow from which the Army never fully recovered.

Twice in the next five minutes the Soldiers' wings nearly crossed but the numerous Army movements lacked that final touch. O'Kelly's defensive kicking was most valuable throughout but never more so than at this stage.

Now the Club forwards took a bowing in things and the loose scrums often showed signs of fraying tensions. After one bout of fistfuffs Wright, the Club lock forward, was injured and left the field for two minutes. Penman and Gault, the Club wing forwards, were playing a particularly good spoiling game and really harrying the Army halves.

Gault kicked another penalty goal after a "foot-up" decision on the Army 25. Shortly following this, a set scrum in a similar position. Steward fed Valentine who cut through and just managed to give an awkward pass to Roberts who carried two defenders over the line to score a try near the posts. Gault converted.

Army pressed for the last ten minutes but could not penetrate the Club defence. Hodge nearly kicked a consolation penalty goal for the Army, but his kick, from a difficult position, hit the crossbar and rebounded into play.

Barker shore in the Army pack, with Owen-Smith and Mellor having a good game in the backs.

NAVY vs RAF

Navy 1 1 8 pts.
RAF 0 0 0
The points first half was fairly even with the "New Look" Air force team playing quite well. The RAF had a slight edge in the set scrums and lineouts. Reed at fly half

and his new partner Moreau were gaining ground with some good defensive kicking. At this stage it was only in the three that the Navy were superior. The RAF backs lacked ideas with Cornah holding the ball too long and frequently getting caught in possession.

On the other side, the Navy three-quarters were looking more impressive and from a good movement Spencer crossed the line in the corner but he was about to ground the ball was banded into touch by fullback Gray. Welch, the Navy stand-off half, ruined many movements with his bad handling.

The second half opened with the Navy pressing. Between the 10th and 15th minutes the Sailors scored all their points. It was the three that did the damage with Newton breaking through and eventually putting Lloyd over in the corner. Kay was wide with a long kick. Soon afterwards Spencer forced his way over near the posts after a knock-on, the referee being unsighted. Kay converted.

After this sudden improvement the Navy did not add to their score and the game became very scrappy. Corner of the Navy, who is usually an excellent scrum half, looked very jaded and was often caught in possession.

Cheal, the left prop for the RAF, was carried off and sent to hospital with a badly bruised hip, leaving the Air Force to play the last 15 minutes one man short.

Towards the end the navy pack were getting more of the ball but the Sailors failed to add to their score.

Hannam, Weekes, Gray, and Morgan were outstanding for the RAF. Spencer and Newton played well in the Navy three.

ARMY NORTH vs POLICE
Army North 2 1 13 pts.
Police 2 0 11.
One penalty.

The Army fielded only 14 men and played without a lock forward. The Soldiers' line-up had some familiar names missing, notably Fritchard, Dore, Turnbull, Haggard, and Crabbe.

The seven-man Army pack was well beaten by the Police eight which by the second half had established a definite ascendancy. It was outside the scrum that the Army won. Their backs were vastly superior and had their win would have been more convincing. As it was there were only a few minutes left when the winning score came.

The Police forwards played with great spirit against the depleted Army pack. The game was devoid of much true rugby but was nevertheless fast-moving and exciting to watch.

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ALL SET FOR BIG FIGHT



Nino Valdes, the Cuban heavyweight boxer, gets to work on the punch bag in readiness for his forthcoming match with British Champion Joe Erskine, right. Erskine, meanwhile, is grimly determined to be the first European fighter to down the mighty Cuban. — Express Photo.

Jack Crump Is Still Secretary & Team Manager Of British Athletic Board

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Feb. 17.

The anticipated flare up in the running of athletics in Britain last week-end was that a new advisory committee is to be formed and the Honorary Treasurer resigned.

Otherwise the status quo remains and Jack Crump, though wishing to resign, was pressed to retain his posts as Secretary and Team Manager of the British Amateur Athletic Board to which he has agreed.

The chances are he will not again agree to continue in these posts in 1958, so that Britain is left in a crucial year in which the Empire and Commonwealth Games and the European Championships are to be staged to find a new team manager.

Competitors, crack and 3-4 fans, certain officials and the reporting press agree that this is not in satisfactory state of affairs.

If a change is to be made in the management of British teams why not this "unimportant" year, which would give the newcomer a chance to find his feet and get the confidence of competitors. It does not say much for British athletics that the administrators had to prevail upon Mr Crump to continue in his post against his wishes, presumably because no one else would take on the unpaid jobs.

It is noteworthy that Mr Walter Jewell, the treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Association, resigned because he deplored "the complacency among the present administration."

Many others feel that the Amateur Athletic Association and British Board have not tackled the problems that face them in the way they should have been. They have not faced up to the unrest that exists over the running of this sport in the United Kingdom.

EASY WAY OUT
In re-electing Mr Crump and merely taking on an advisory committee they have taken the easy way out. They have really solved none of the outstanding problems but merely postponed the "evil day". All that can be said is that they have taken a step in the right direction. They no doubt hope that the new advisory committee will smooth out all the wrinkles and that during the next 12 months they may be able to find someone else to replace Jack Crump.

It is, however, generally felt that the new committee can do more than help in some of their problems. It should give active athletes a bigger say in the running of the sport but will they be listened to?

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Royal And Ancient Golf Club To Amend Procedure For Open Championship

By LEONARD BELSHAM

London, Feb. 17.

Golfing diehards in general, and Scottish ones in particular, have given a hostile reception to a decision of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club to amend the procedure for the Open Championship.

The club is the ruling body for the game in Britain, and its decisions, usually in co-operation with the United States authorities, are acted on wherever the game is played.

They have ruled that players with the best scores for the first 36 holes of the championship proper shall be last out for the two final rounds on the last day and those with the lowest score shall be the first out.

The idea follows a system adopted by the Professional Golfers' Association in some of their tournaments, but nobody ever thought that the Royal and Ancient would turn tradition and run the premier golfing event to that system.

The rules of golf state that order and times of starting shall whenever possible be decided by lot. Also that rules governing stroke play are so substantially different from those governing match play that combining the two forms is not practicable and is not permitted.

THE NEW SYSTEM
Those who are against the new system maintain that to put the best scorers together makes for something akin to match play as men tend to play each other rather than the field, as should be the case in a stroke event such as the Open.

The idea, of course, is to maintain interest to the end and to make sure a player with a chance of winning is not put off by being drawn, perhaps, with an inferior player. But the diehards argue that to have qualified for the final day's play is to have proved one's worth and the question of a star being put off by playing with a rabbit does not arise simply because there are no rabbits left.

But it cannot be denied that with the lowest scorers going out last interest is maintained to the finish, particularly if one of the earlier men happens to do something wonderful and thereby revitalise the championship.

In the 1920 championship at Deeside, Scotland, with two rounds of 90, started the final day 13 strokes behind the late Abe Mitchell. Nobody gave Duncan a chance and he ploughed a lonely furrow until news got around that he was scoring well.

He confounded everybody by returning 71 and 72 on the

last day to win the championship by two strokes. Other players, including Mitchell, simply cracked in their vain efforts to try and hold the rejuvenated Duncan.

Nowadays best and worst are rarely separated by more than a dozen strokes after the first two rounds and so it is always possible for the gap to close as one player improves and another falters.

LEADING ARGUMENT
A leading argument by those who prefer to retain the system of deciding playing order by lot is the weather.

At most of the seaside venues where Open Championships are played, there is usually prevailing wind, no matter how summery conditions otherwise be. It is argued that with the best players crowded into the last few couples all spectators will gather to watch them and galleries mounting into thousands, particularly in Scotland, will make a solid wall down the sides of the fairways, shielding the competitors from the wind.

Earlier players on the other hand, with no galleries, will be at the mercy of the winds, — China Mail Special.

SQUASH

Professionals Score Resounding 5-1 Win Over Amateurs

London, Feb. 17.

For the first time in seven years, the professionals beat amateurs in their annual squash racket match at the Lansdowne Club in London today.

With three members of the Khan family, Hashim, the Open Champion, and his relatives, the professionals scored a resounding 5-1 win.

The amateurs only success went to a substitute, John Castle of Essex, who came in for the international M. F. Mohiuddin, and beat R. Horsley 2-0, 9-5, 1-10, 1-0 and 8-4.

Results: (Professionals first)
Hashim Khan (Pakistan) beat R.B. Wilson (Surrey), 9-10, 9-5, 9-2, 9-5.

Roshan Khan (Pakistan) beat N. Brindley (Yorkshire) 6-0, 9-3, 9-1, 3-0, 9-2.

Azam Khan (New Gramplains) beat D. B. Hughes (Surrey) 9-2, 9-0, 9-5.

W. J. Moss (Edgbaston) beat M. J. Perkins (Surrey) 10-6, 9-7, 9-0.

J. H. Giles (RAC) beat J. G. Lyon (Essex) 6-0, 9-3, 9-1, 5-5.

R. S. Horsley (Naval and Military) lost to J. B. Castle (Essex) 2-9, 5-0, 10-8, 9-1, 4-0. — France-Press.

Davidson and J. B. Bergerat, a French veteran player, beat Budge Patty (United States) and Garnero (France) in the Men's Doubles finals by 6-2, 9-11, 6-4.

Thelma Long and Garnero won the Mixed Doubles title, when they defeated Suzie Kormoczy and Guylin of Hungary in the finals by 6-4, 6-4.

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Sven Davidson Beats Dane For Singles Title

Lyons, Feb. 17.

Sweden's Sven Davidson took two titles and Thelma Long of Australia reaped three in the Lyons Coton Cup covered courts tennis tournament, which ended today.

Davidson beat Torben Ulrich of Denmark in the finals of the Men's Singles today after a tough struggle, by 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-8, and 6-3.

Thelma Long won the Women's Singles title by defeating Mademoiselle Billiz of France by 6-0 and 6-1 in the finals.

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Italian Amateur Cyclists Break World Records

Milan, Feb. 17.
Italian amateur cyclist Pietro Muscato, today broke the world record for the 10 kilometres in the Milan Sports Palace.
A second world record, for the 500 metres (flying start) was broken by Italy's Guglielmo Pescanti, who lowered his own record of 30 seconds to 29.2 seconds. — France-Press.

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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CATHAY PACIFIC

Ken Rosewall Beaten In Pro. Debut

New York, Feb. 17.
A crowd of about 11,000 saw Panchito Gonzalez (USA) beat Ken Rosewall (Australia) 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 when Rosewall made his US debut as a professional lawn tennis player in Madison Square Garden here today.

The victory gave Gonzalez a 8-4 lead in their 100-match series that began in Australia last month.

Rosewall dropped his service in the opening game and never recovered. — Reuter.

National Coach Job For Emil Zatopek?

Prague, Feb. 17.
Emil Zatopek, Czechoslovakian triple Olympic gold medalist, may soon be appointed national coach for light athletics, the newspaper Ceskoslovensky Sport said today.

It added that he would travel to Paris as coach to the Czechoslovak team for the international cross-country race on March 31, organised annually by the French Communists newspaper, L'Humanite.

A month ago when Zatopek returned to Prague from the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, he was quoted as saying: "I do not think I shall become a coach or trainer because I do not think I would be a good one." — China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Lawn Tennis
Opening day of 1957 Grasscourt Championships at 11.00 a.m. 5.15 p.m.
Football
H.C.F.A. Selection Committee
H.C.F.A. Building, Sports Road 6.30 p.m.

SQUASH
Semi-finals of Colony Squash Championships at Victoria Barracks 6 p.m.

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VON'S Complete Records Stock
on 12-inch discs, 10-inch 45s, 7-inch
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Spain, Venice, Opera, Ball, in
Victrola, The King & I, and Caravan
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
s.s. "DONAI"

are hereby notified that their cargo
will be discharged into the Hong
Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd.'s godown where it will be
at consignees' risk and subject to
the wharf's terms and conditions of
storage and where delivery may be
obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left
in the godown for examination by
consignees and the company's sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
at 10 a.m. on Monday, 18th February,
1957.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the godown and
all goods remaining undelivered after
the 25th February, 1957, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on
or before the 12th March, 1957, or
they may not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hong Kong, 18th February, 1957.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per
CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES
s.s. "MEINAM"

are hereby notified that their cargo
will be discharged into the Hong
Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co., Ltd.'s godown where it will be
at consignees' risk and subject to
the wharf's terms and conditions of
storage and where delivery may be
obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left
in the godown for examination by
consignees and the company's sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 19th February,
1957.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the godown and
all goods remaining undelivered after
the 21st February, 1957, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on
or before the 14th March, 1957, or
they may not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
CIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES

Hong Kong, 18th February, 1957.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

s.s. "CHANGTIE"
Arrived 15th February, 1957

Damaged cargo ex this vessel
will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard
& Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon
Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on
Wednesday, 20th February, and
Thursday, 21st February, 1957, and
consignees' representatives are re-
quested to be present during survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents,
Australian-oriental Line Ltd.,
China Navigation Co. Ltd.

Hong Kong, February, 18, 1957.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Accurate High-Speed Checkweigher In Production Line

THE rapid accurate weighing of
packaged goods while on the produc-
tion line is one of the greatest needs of
most firms in the food, chemical,
pharmaceutical, small goods and other
industries whose end-product is a package
containing solids or liquids.

Mechanical systems developed
hitherto have suffered from
two main drawbacks.
First, there is the inertia of
moving parts which severely
slows down the rate at which
packages may be weighed with
great accuracy; and second,
there is the frictional
resistance, producing wear,
which demands constant main-
tenance and prevents high-
speed weighing within very
fine limits.

By attacking the problem
from an electronic standpoint,
the Solartron Electronic Group
Ltd., of Thames Ditton, Surrey,
England, in association with
Scribbs-Kemp Research and
Development Ltd., claim to
have found the solution after
considerable research and have
placed two fully productionised
"Solarcheck" as they are
called, on the market.

The Solarcheck No. 631
instantaneously weighs rigid or
packaged goods and enables an
operator to handle up to a rate
of 60 items a minute in the
production line. Its weighing
accuracy to British Board of
Trade specifications is better
than 0.2 per cent, and it has

been specially designed for use
by unskilled operators. The
equipment consists of a mobile,
self-contained console with a
weighing head, available in
three sizes to suit the product to
be weighed, inserted in its top.
Nine standard models are avail-
able, according to the maximum
weighing requirements of the
user.

The principle employed is the
force balance, whereby an
article placed on the weighing
head is counterbalanced by a
highly stabilised electronic
servo-system. Maintenance is
stated to be easy and rapid, and
the machine is said to be excel-
lent both for semi-automatic
production lines and for high-
speed percentage sample check-
weighing on fully-automatic
high-speed systems.

The Solarcheck model NC 630
is designed for incorporation
into existing production lines
of many types and will weigh
at the rate of up to 120 items a
minute to better than 0.2 per
cent, within the Board of
Trade specification. The pro-
duct being weighed automati-
cally operates, if necessary, an
electronic and overweigh
rejector or channelling
mechanism, as well as recording
devices. The weighing head, of
which there are three sizes in
production, cover the weight
range up to 70 ounces (2.0
kilograms); the basic principle
again being the force balance
described above.

AUTOMATIC GRINDING MILL FEED

The insistent call for
maximum possible pro-
duction from grinding
mills, without manual
supervision yet with
complete reliability, is
claimed to have been
answered by the
"Heenatron" Variable
Speed Drive.

In this system, developed by
Heenan and Froude Ltd. of
Worcester, England, the feeder
is driven by a DC motor which
is excited through an electronic
rectifier, suitable for connecting
to normal single phase AC
supply and capable of giving a
very wide speed range to cover
a large variety of grains without
the need for resetting when
changing from one kind to an-
other.

The DC motor speed is auto-
matically controlled so as to
feed grain to the grinding mill
at such rates that the mill motor
always works at full load, thus
achieving maximum possible
output.

The speed of the "Heenatron"
feeder drive is controlled by
the amount of current demanded
by the mill motor, and in this
way the rate of feed is
continuously regulated to the
required value to keep the mill
running on full load.

Any change in current de-
mand by the mill motor causes
a change in the rate of feed—
i.e., if the demand increases
above the pre-set figure, the
feed decreases, and vice versa.

The system also incorporates
a slow acceleration circuit, feed
failure protection and auto-
matic air system protection.

DETECTION OF FISH

A fully-automatic high-
power combined echo-ranging
and echo-sounding equipment,
designed specifically for pelagic
fish detection, has recently been
announced by a British firm.
The "Fishfinder" as it is
called, has an operating
range of 0-2,000 yards, and the
training control system includes
provision for automatic stop
training over any sector of be-
tween 10 and 180 degrees.

The instrument has been
developed after extensive sea
trials with experimental hori-
zontal fish detection sets using
different oscillator frequencies
and different methods of training
and retracting. These trials,
undertaken by Fisheries Re-
search vessels, Scottish ring-
netters, and Norwegian fishing
vessels, were carried out off the
east coast of England, the west
coast of Scotland, and in the
English Channel and Norwegian
waters. Firm in Kelvin and
Hughes Ltd., 2, Caxton Street,
London, SW1.



A high-speed "Solarcheck" checkweigher in use in a food factory in Britain. Produced by the Solartron Electronic Group Ltd., of Thames Ditton, Surrey, England, its weighing accuracy is better than 0.2 per cent within the specifications laid down by Britain's Board of Trade.

SPRAYING TECHNIQUE

A new process for
spraying deep drawing
compounds in conjunction
with an automatic loading
machine to feed a large
press has been developed
by the Ecco Division of
Atlas Copco (Great
Britain) Ltd.

Hitherto, the general practice
has been to apply the grease to
the blank by hand before the
operative feeds the blank into
the press.

As a result of collaboration
with Morris Motors (Radiator
Branch) Ltd., Atlas first evolved
a spraying plant for use with a
hand-fed press. Subsequently,
however, Morris commissioned

a Birmingham firm, J.P. Udall
Ltd., to design and manu-
facture an automatic blank loading
machine for a new press for the
manufacture of hub caps.

After further development
work, the new spraying equip-
ment was adapted to this auto-
matic loader and successful
automatic operations were
achieved.

It is stated that with this new
technique, production has been
stepped up to over three times
that of the hand-held method.
The setting-up time of the
automatic blank feeding equip-
ment and the grease sprayer is
given as approximately half an
hour, the whole unit being
easily detached from the press
in two minutes.

Alloy Sections For Structural Components

A new range of ex-
truded alloy sections has
recently been put into
commercial production.
The range is intended
primarily for building
up commercial motor
vehicle bodies and en-
ables flat-platform
and drop-sided bodies to
be built up speedily by
unskilled labour. It com-
prises floor planks,
crossbearers, side rails,
floorholding clips and
drop-side framing mem-
bers.

Floor plank sections may be
either ribbed or flat and are
fixed either by bolts through the
top flange of the crossbearer or
by the floorholding clips, which
can be put in position on lips
on the crossbearer sections after
the floor planks have been laid.
The upper portion of the clip
takes the head of a standard
hexagonal screw and prevents it
from turning.

The planks are provided with
a torque and groove arrange-
ment which assists in preclud-
ing moisture and dust, and the
joint can be completely sealed
with a joining compound if
required.

The crossbearers for inter-
mediate positions are of J-
section and those for the front
and rear are provided with a
floor capping angle and a
shroud plate. The side rails are
conventionally designed, as is
the framing member, and both
aim at giving a neat finished
appearance with minimum
trouble. The sections are pro-
duced by the Northern Alumi-
num Company Ltd., Banbury,
Oxfordshire, England, for E. J.
Holmes Ltd., 113/115, North
Street, Romford, Essex, Eng-
land, and can be obtained from
either address.

CRIME WAVE SWEEPS BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Feb. 17.

A wave of crime ranging from
highway assaults to large scale robberies
which is sweeping this city, is baffling the
police here.

So far, efforts to catch the
men who plan the deeds have
failed. The police are working
on the theory that behind some
of the gangs are minor Peronist
politicians and union leaders
who do not dare to face the
revolutionary courts and are
hard pressed to make a living
as outlaws.

But there is so far little
evidence that this theory ac-
counts at any rate for the whole
story. Undoubtedly many people
of questionable ethical standards
reached positions of privilege
in which money flowed freely
under the Peron regime. And
to maintain this standard of
living, some of them may have
resorted to crime.

Many sociologists, however,
believe that the former regime
was only indirectly responsible.
The trouble, they say, lies in
the relaxation of self-discipline
and working habits in the last
ten years, when the ruling
principle was get-rich-quick-
the-easy-way-can.

They declare that few cities
today associate money with
social respectability as intimately
as Buenos Aires. Trade, they
say, has for years been far
more rewarding than industry,
and dishonourable trade still
more so.

There is, they explain, only
one step from delivering a
worthless cheque to taking
possession of

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Caution Shown By American Businessmen

SIGNS OF WEAKNESS IN THE ECONOMY

By JOHN MORKA

New York, Feb. 17.

American businessmen fretted about bust-or-boom last week despite a generally strong economic pattern. More cautious than in months, they worried about many things.

Signs of weaknesses were becoming more evident; jobs harder to find and layoffs are more frequent in other industries. Production cutbacks are in the news more often these days. The cost of living continues to rise, with no end to the wage-price spiral which government experts single out as the No. 1 threat to the country's economic well-being.

Freight loadings are off. Sales of television sets, appliances and textiles are meeting buyer resistance, bringing with it layoffs and production cutbacks.

General Electric Company last week announced it will furlough for seven working days a week from last Thursday some 2,500 workers. Thousands of others have already been laid off in recent weeks and many more are expected to get their furlough notices. Main reason: A heavy accumulation of inventories. Cotton and synthetic producers have been worried over a slumping demand the last two months. One major manufacturer — Deering Milliken & Co. — reduced its operations from a six-day to a five-day operation. Another, Bates Mfg. Co., announced that it will close its main plant as of April 1, affecting some 350 employees.

Headache

So far the biggest headache appears to be the wage-price spiral. Still edging higher. Despite warnings of leading government officials that the country was heading for economic catastrophe unless labour and management showed restraint in holding the price line. Right now wages are about 8 per cent higher than a year ago, and the end is nowhere in sight. Prices are expected to move upward, adding further to the inflationary pressures. Inflationary fears prompted a threat of possible government controls on wages and prices unless management and labour showed discipline. But this week, financial circles generally discounted this possibility. Some think the government might wait until spring and summer developments before taking any decisive action. If at all.

Further, there's no assurance either that the Congress would even countenance such economic clamps. It now appears that for the time being at least, the President will confine his efforts toward convincing labour and management to bolster government anti-inflationary efforts by behind-the-scenes manipulations. But many experts aren't too optimistic about this approach.

Watched Closely

Businessmen watched closely two other segments of the economy last week: inventories and the declining profit margins.

To many it appears that inventory accumulation may have lost some of its appeal, in the face of reduced demand for some goods. Stocks are not too high as yet, but businessmen are concerned when total business inventories get out of line with sales. They remember 1949 and 1953-54 when a too-heavy buildup of stocks forced many to liquidate for needed capital. This shift was a leading factor in the business recession of those years. According to the latest figures available, total business inventories at the close of 1956 were about 7 per cent higher than at the close of 1955. About half of the wholesale price index of all replacement costs, since the wholesale price index of all commodities except foods rose about 3.7 per cent. The biggest buildup in recent months was in manufacturing, with large percentage hikes shown by such groups as producers of primary metals, chemicals, petroleum and coal products. The inventory sales ratio, which generally moves in the same direction as the economy, dropped from a

top-heavy figure of 1.74 in early 1954 to 1.51 in mid-1955. It edged up to 1.58 at year-end 1956. While no particular level can be pinpointed as a signal, according to the Cleveland Trust Company, "past experience suggests the ratio should be about 1.50 on the upside." The question of inventories is especially acute to observers who recall that the heavy buildup of over 900,000 unsold cars in early 1956 prompted a pronounced cutback in the industry. It was only when these inventories were worked off toward year-end that activity picked up.

A Jolt

The stock market gave traders somewhat of a jolt last week. Prices on Monday through Thursday showed a steady decline, a selling wave. Traders considered hit a new low ebb in fifteen months. The Dow Jones industrial average declined for the day by 8.85 points, lowest drop since the Eisenhower era of October, 1955, when it fell 13.27 points. The market showed some resistance on Tuesday and spurted strongly on Wednesday, recouping about 2 1/2 billion in valuations, or about half of the losses of the two previous sessions. At the close on Wednesday the Dow Jones industrial average gained 1.32. It was still off 38.01 points from its all-time high on April 6, 1956. It was down 37.33 points from the level at which it closed 1956.

Wall Streeters emphasize that with 70 per cent margins there are no credit excesses in this market. It concedes that the market is reflecting many of the negative aspects of the economy—high money, deflation, the Middle East, pinched profits and prospects of dividend cuts. Many point out that US industry prospects are much better than the market and that a depression isn't in sight. The general belief of the experts was that the market has been overvalued and that from here on it may well rise more easily than it declines.

Many look for the first quarter earnings reports to put further pressure on market prices. Consensus is that many top companies will show narrow profit margins despite possible higher sales volumes. This could mean reduced dividends and that's what investors are most anxious about.

Profit Margin

According to tabulations by the Wall Street Journal, sixty major companies which have revealed their earnings reports for 1956 show a combined profit margin of 6.3 per cent, off considerably from 7.5 per cent, in 1955. Their aggregate sales for the two years were about same, \$1.8 billion for 1956 and \$1.6 billion in 1955. Net profit however was off about 400 million at \$1,090,300,000.

The Financial Daily said "that rising costs are at fault can hardly be doubted."

A study of government statistics bear out the Wall Street Journal's sampling.

"These show," it noted, "that while total national income production rose 3 per cent and national income increased almost 6 per cent, estimated corporate profits after taxes rose only 2 per cent."

Typical

Typical of the narrowing profit spread is the experience of a number of companies whose reports were disclosed last week. The Sperry and Corporation showed a 20 per cent sales increase in the nine months ended with December. Earnings in

the other hand were only 3 per cent higher than the corresponding period a year earlier. And leaders in the men's clothing industry—actually the fourth largest in sales volume—talked independently of profit margins of one or two per cent at retail, mail and manufacturing levels. The Clark Equipment Co. reported sales by 11 per cent but earnings were off 1 per cent in the last week. American Paper and Pulp Association President David L. Luke Jr. complained that paper producers' profits are being squeezed by higher costs. Some companies, accordingly, would show lower earnings for the first quarter. —United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Feb. 17.
The Bank of England statement for the week ended Feb. 13, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	1,022,000,000
Public deposits	16,800,313
Private deposits	297,553,558
Government securities	216,891,622
Other securities	49,074,967
Receipts	65,236,190
Ratio	153,546,729,000

—United Press.

Disconcerting Week For London Stock Exchange

By C. T. HALLINAN

London, Feb. 17.
For a long time now everybody said: "What a week." Always something disconcerting, to this group or that. Something suggesting a strain in the economy which had previously been ignored. Or things have suddenly developed on a scale which seemed "un-English."

Last week the government, in an effort to mop up some of the inflationary excess of short-term borrowing known as Treasury bills, issued 300 million sterling of government bonds, the longest dated ones in the entire gilt-edged list.

Startling, then the January trade returns showed the gap between exports and imports suddenly soaring to 104 million compared with about 28 million sterling per month in the month of December and November. Finally the Wall Street sharp fall which took stocks to the lowest level since November, 1955, disconcerted London.

Oils Steady

British Governments were pressed for sale, partly from the general confusion. Old Consols fell 8 shillings and War Loan 7 shillings; they are still months lowest levels but they could reach them in a few weeks if they slip and either downward at this rate.

Leading industrialists took a lot of punishment. Rolls Royce took the most punishment with a fall of 8 shillings. Associated Electrical Industries lost 1 shilling 9 pence and a whole lot of others, like Imperial Chemicals, Ford Motors, and Woolworths, lost about a shilling. Shares with an atomic future were steadily bought with Reynolds up 2

US Will Hold Trade Talks With 20 Nations

Washington, Feb. 17.
The United States will hold unprecedented consultations with about 20 nations this year regarding the possibility that they may liberalise restrictions on their dollar imports, the State Department announced.

In June, talks will be held with Sweden, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Greece, Austria, Germany and France, officials said.

In October, Turkey, Finland, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, Japan, the United Kingdom, Ceylon, Pakistan, New Zealand and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, will be consulted.

Government officials said the United States would not force the issue if the countries concerned demonstrate that they would have great difficulty in liberalisation.

Since 1953, many European nations have progressively liberalised their imports from the dollar area. It will be the aim of the coming talks to see what more can be done about removing restrictions.

Officials said these consultations were decided upon at the last GATT meeting and are unprecedented in scope. Similar discussions have been held on a more limited scale, they said. —United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Feb. 17.
The Bank of France statement for the week ended Feb. 7, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings	301,204,302,420 francs
Total other currency	92,300,800,000
Sight balance abroad	32,071,000,000
in ECU	1,000,000,000
Advances to Stabilisation Fund	3,000,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,017,873,597,312
Banknotes in circulation	3,031,546,571,735
Current accounts and deposits	153,546,729,000

—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By WILLIAM T. PLUNKETT

New York, Feb. 17.
Cotton futures started the week on lower ground and remained on the defensive for the rest of the period.

At Friday's close the list ruled two to 36 points—10 cents to \$1.85 a bale—lower than the preceding week, with new crop deliveries showing the widest losses.

The unexpectedly low government support basis for the 1957 crop, announced over the weekend, touched off a wave of liquidation and stop loss selling on Monday, driving the market down \$3 a bale before the pressure levelled off.

The interim loan rate, fixed at 77 per cent of parity, figured out to 28.15 cents a pound for middling 1/2 inch cotton, and between 31.55 and 41.00 cents a pound for middling one-inch cotton. New crop markets were selling about 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 cents a pound over the tentative loan base.

REGAINED

After first impact of liquidation was spent, new crop months regained part of the lost ground for several reasons: 1. Possibilities that the interim rate may be raised later after a complete study of the supply outlook is completed; 2. Chances that the mid-July parity, on which the final loan rate will be figured, may be higher as a result of inflationary forces apparent in the national economy; 3. Possibilities that the lower loan rate will divert a greater average into the soil bank programme.

Department of Agriculture reports indicated expectations that impending under the soil bank might reach 3,500,000 acres. On that basis, and reflecting multiplying reports about the urgent need for moisture in important growing sections of Texas-Oklahoma, statisticians commenced to scale-down estimates on future production prospects.

Old crop deliveries, operating under separate influences, turned irregular after March reached a new high for the season. Subsequent spot month liquidation reflected liquidation before first notice day on Thursday. A small increase in the certificated stock, with possibilities for further additions to the deliverable stock, and the discouraging slow trade in textiles, with accompanying reports of increasing mill curtailment, were upsetting factors late in the week. —United Press.

Japanese Cotton Mills Set Record High

Tokyo, Feb. 17.
Japanese mills (cotton) set new postwar highs in their production of yarn and textiles in 1956, the Japan Cotton Spinners Association revealed today.

A total of 1,017,592,000 pounds of cotton yarn and 3,300,521,000 square yards, the Association said.

The textile output was 17.3 per cent, more than the 1955 production.

The Association published the figures in a review of the cotton industry situation both in Japan and abroad in the last quarter of 1956 and its prospect for the first quarter of this year.

Japanese cotton yarn exports during the fourth quarter of last year jumped by 18.7 per cent over the preceding three-month period to 644,000 pounds. Textile exports increased by 47.9 per cent to 381,607,000 square yards.

Total exports for 1956 were 27,294,000 pounds of yarn and 1,402,669,000 square yards of textiles.

The Association estimated that cotton textile exports during the first quarter of this year will average more than 1,000,000 square yards a month. —United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$970,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HANKS	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
HK Bank	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
INSURANCES	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Unim	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Lombard	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
SHIPPING	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Wheeler	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
DOCKS, ETC.	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
HK Wharf	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Dock	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
LAND, ETC.	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
HK Hotel	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
HK Land	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Realty	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
RUBBER	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Amalg. XD	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Trust	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
UTILITIES	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Tram	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Star Ferry	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Trusted	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
C. Light	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Electric	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Macao E.	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Telephone	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
(O)	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
(N)	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
INDUSTRIALS	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Cement	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Amoy City	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
STORES, ETC.	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Saily	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Waters	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
COTTONS	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
MISCELLANEOUS	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
VESTMENTS	1020	1040	3 @ 1025
Yongtze	1020	1040	3 @ 1025

New York Cotton Goods Market

New York, Feb. 17.
Cotton goods sellers, suffering from a starvation of orders for five months, envisioned an even more stringent business diet last week as the industry entered what is normally the slowest season of the year.

High mill inventories, low prices, and an almost utter lack of interest among buyers, left the mills with only one alternative, market analysts said, "more stringent curtailment of production."

The only way in which the industry may experience a revival in activity, and strengthening in prices, is by bringing supply in line with demand, that was the way a representative market cotier summed up the situation.

Mill managers remained perplexed in finding a reason for the prolonged business lull. "Tight" money situation, with a reluctance to accumulate inventories; the stock market decline, plus business recession fears, were the three most-mentioned possible reasons.

Cost accountants were puzzled as to what buyers continued to hold off, operating generally on an "as needed" basis, in view of the attractiveness of current price levels.

They reminded that the basic 90-square four yard print cloth—the market bellwether—is available now at 18 1/2-19 1/2 cents for average makes at the mill levels, with second hands down to 17 1/2-18 1/2 cents a yard, or 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents a yard more than at present. Why this should exist is the most unanswered question of the time. The calculators pointed out that since last year the cost of raw cotton has gone up around a cent a pound, while mill wage rates are up around 10 per cent, not to mention other higher manufacturing costs.

Cotton sales yarn spinners reported a correspondingly slow situation, with some manufacturers reportedly offering certain counts at "below list." Best interest in a generally slow market centered on yarns used by carpet and rug producers and tyre manufacturers. —United Press.

WALL STREET MAKES A COMEBACK

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Feb. 17.

The stock market plunged to new lows since 1955 during the past week on a series of adverse factors and rallied practically all the way back when these fears were deflected.

There were three outstanding sessions. On Monday, industrials broke 8.85 points, most since Dec. 10, 1955 and rails fell 4.82 points, most since Sept. 26, 1955.

On Wednesday the 732 point industrial average recovery was the widest since Dec. 3, 1955. Industrials spurted another 0.61 points on Friday.

Other averages followed a similar trend but didn't keep pace with industrials. Rails finished the week at 143.09 off 1.01 points and utilities 60.60 off 1.27 points. The General average lost only 0.53 point.

The Tuesday lows were the lowest since Oct. 19, 1955, for industrials. Since Jan. 18, 1955, for rails and since Jan. 21, 1957 for utilities.

Active Week

Trading for the week was the most active since the short week of Jan. 4 on a daily average basis.

Here are the reasons for the decline and what happened to them later:

1. Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey's recent statement that there will be a half centing depression if the budget isn't cut.
Late this past week, Humphrey said he saw no signs of an economic recession.
2. Threat of government controls of business and restrictions on labour. Officials said that there were no controls contemplated.
3. Investigation of the oil industry on prices and sending oil to Europe. Later government spokesmen said all was moving to Europe satisfactorily and the oil probe seemed to fizzle.

4. Fears of a budget cut that later seemed to be out of the question.
5. Talk of business sliding in important sectors such as autos, steels, and construction. The auto industry perked up this past week and is now ahead of last year in number of cars produced.
Steel experts looked for a high steel rate through the year with prospect of a record high for 1957.

Wider Gains

At the close of the week a total of 541 issues out of the 1,386 traded closed with gains. There were 653 losers and 192 held unchanged.

Among the wider gains made for the week: Bath Iron Works 4 1/2; Alcoa 3 1/2; Chrysler 4 1/2; and others.

NAMESAKES

Answers: 1—Warlike, 2 Recording, 3 Programmes, 4 Fame, 5 Variety, 6 Christmas, 7 Father, 8 Entertainers, 9 Bronco, 10 Films, 11 Comedian, 12 Parody, 13 Tommy, Handley (of "Itma" fame).

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Granny's Present

NOT so long ago Hilda's lot would have been to wear a lace cap, a cameo brooch, and masses of rustling satin and to sit all day in an easy chair in an airless room, pontificating on the wretched pass to which things had come. That would have been her role as grandmother, in the little grey house in Kentish Town that was her home.

But grandmothers have outstripped their granddaughters in the race to total freedom, and nothing is more complete than their emancipation.

The dropped catch
No one, seeing Hilda, trousersed in stout blue serge, hurrying baggage and parcels about at Euston station, in her job as porter, could have thought of her as a grandmother. Yet she was. And one trait she possessed that grandmothers always have—she doted upon her grandchild.

So that when at Euston a parcel burst open as it was slung vigorously from one porter to another, and toys spilled out, Hilda's first thought, amid the screams of "butterfingers" and the laughter, was not for the consignee or the consignee, but for her grandchild. She helped herself to a dozen plastic toys.

Foolish
She was clumsy, and she was caught. At Clerkenwell court she explained, "I was foolish," she said. Her husband added his explanation. "She loved the baby so much," he said, "so she took the toys for the baby, I suppose, and..."

"This woman has been a porter since 1942," a policeman said to the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis. "Before that, she was a mineral-water filler. There are no previous convictions."

Hilda was fined £10. She would get a receipt for the fine. She could dandle that before her grandchild, make it do instead of a present. And perhaps point a moral to accompany the gift.

HK's AIRPORT

Singapore, Feb. 18. Mr. J. Muspratt-Williams, Director of Civil Aviation in Hongkong, arrived in Singapore yesterday on a four-day visit.

Mr. Muspratt-Williams said Hongkong's Kai Tak airport would have a runway longer than the one at Singapore airport by August next year.

E. German Workers Show Restiveness

Berlin, Feb. 17. East German Communists said today restive workers are demanding a five-day week and more food.

The economic demands, coupled with anti-Communist political discontent, were seen as posing the greatest threat to the Soviet zone's Communist government since the Hungarian revolt broke out.

The Communist leaders so far have managed to repress the widespread demands for democracy and political reform that have swept the zone since Hungary revolted and Wladyslaw Gomulka returned to power in Poland.

But Western observers predicted that if anti-Communist feeling were to be aggravated by economic discontent, a potentially explosive situation could arise.

The workers' new economic demands were disclosed today by the official Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at (a) P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, which in general are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

By Air
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Lau, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

By Surface
Japan, Canada, 4 p.m.
Akao, 6 p.m.
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Kowloon, Hong Kong, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Cambodia, 9 a.m.
India, China, France, Noon.
Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 1 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Burma, India, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Netherlands, Germany, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Philippines, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
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Ferdinand Jung, Second Secretary of the Communist Party in the district of Suhl, wrote workers were demanding a five-day work week instead of the present six-day work week of 45 hours.

He denounced the demand as a tactic of "the enemy" designed to "disrupt our economic system and our whole life."

He said Western radio stations had planted the five-day week idea in workers' mind. He demanded "decisive action" be taken against those who listen to West Berlin's American-run stations.

He also called for energetic measures against party members he accused of spreading "enemy and revisionist conceptions" in the party.

"Revisionist" is a word used by East German Communist leaders to denounce national Communism as practised in Poland and Yugoslavia.

The national Communist idea has infected the lower echelons of the East German Party and leaders are waging a determined fight against it.

The Neues Deutschland reported in the heavily-industrialised district of Halle workers were demanding more fish, cheese, fresh vegetables and cigars.

Halle district is one of the most heavily industrialised areas in East Germany. The brown coal industry has its centre there. The city of Merseburg in the Halle district has the largest and most important factories, the Leuna Synthetic Gasoline Factory and the Buna Synthetic Rubber Factory.

"JUSTIFIED"
The newspaper, in an apparent attempt to appease the workers, said their demand for more food was "justified."

The workers must have proof that the republic is behind them and that their work is respected and rewarded," the Neues Deutschland said.

However, the East German standard of living is expected to get worse instead of better.

The Soviet bloc's economy has been disrupted by a failure to meet coal export agreements and the Hungarian economy's breakdown.

East Germany has announced it will have to cut its 1957 production quotas and its capital investment programme—United Press.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Hello, Sis? The doctor caught cold from one of his patients—do you remember what grandma used to mix with that goose grease?"

Governor Pays Visit To Local Factories

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, accompanied by Mr. H. A. Angus, Director of Commerce and Industry, this morning toured three factories in Tokwawan, inspecting the manufactures of thermoflasks, torchcases and gourmet powder.

The three factories visited by the Governor were the Freezinhott Bottle Co. Ltd., at 73, Chi Kiang Street, To Kwa Wan Road, the Hongkong Chiap Hua Manufactory Co. (1947) Ltd., at 85, Kwei Chow Street, and the Tien-Chu Ve-Tsin Chemical Industries (H.K.) Ltd., of 72 Pak Tai Street.

At the thermoflask factory, His Excellency was met by Mr. D. C. Bartly, Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry (Administration). Mr. W. E. Man-son, Trade Officer (Industry), Mr. V. C. Bond, Chief Labour Officer, and Mr. C. Y. Tung, chairman of the factory, Mr. John Tung, managing director, Mr. K. U. Koo, assistant manager, and Mr. H. Y. Tung, factory manager.

His Excellency was particularly interested in the glass making department where the thermoflask containers are manufactured. His Excellency saw the raw materials being mixed and fed into a continuous glass melting oil fired tank, then molten glass being blown, shaped and moulded into bottles of two sizes.

The Governor was then conducted to the vacuum bottles department and the various workshops, and saw a display of the factory's products.

CHIAP HUA FACTORY
At the Chiap Hua factory, His Excellency was received by Dr. Lam Chi-tung, chairman, Mr. C. C. Cheng, general manager, Mr. Daniel H. Lam, factory manager, Mr. David S. C. Lam, manager of the flashlight section, and Mr. Paul J. Evans, "Ray-O-Vac" torches, Hongkong manager.

He visited the machine shop, the brass making shop, the workshops where seamless torch cases were being formed, buffed and polished and chromium plated. At the assembly shops, His Excellency observed how various small components are assembled and carried out on conveyor belt system, terminating with inspection and packing.

Sir Alexander then proceeded to the chemical factory where he was met by the chairman, Mr. T. C. Woo, Mr. Lee Shing-feng, manager, and other staff members.

At the gourmet powder division, His Excellency watched dried wheat gluten being cooked with hydrochloric acid and water, filtered and evaporated, crystallised and then processed to the gourmet powder.

His Excellency also toured the electro-chemical division, the boiler room, the hydrochloric acid plant, and the bleaching powder tower.

180,000 A MONTH
The Freezinhott Bottle Co. was established in 1941. The factory produces 180,000 vacuum flasks per month and has its export markets in South-east Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Australia, America, Canada, the United Kingdom and Denmark.

The Chiap Hua factory was first established in Swatow in 1922 and a Hongkong branch.

19 ON TRIAL FOR ALLEGED RIOTING

The trial of 19 young men accused of taking part in the riots at Tsun Wan on October 11 and 12 last year started before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a special all-male Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused are Wong Shek-chun, Leung Yuk, Chong Shek-shan, Lau Wai-keung, Yuen Wing-sum, Ko Pui-kong, Yiu Chung-fai, Chung Yuen-pak, Lam Pui-tao, Mau Man-keung, Cheung Yiu-yip, Leung Chee-hung, Yip Kam-hung, Chiu Sung-foon, Chong Tung, Leung Chung, Tsang Yiu-man, Chiu Noi and Chan Sai-hung.

The first 15 are charged with rioting outside the South Textile factory on October 11. All the accused, except Leung Chee-hung, are charged with rioting on October 11 outside the Pao Hsing cotton mills.

The first six accused are further charged with rioting on October 12 outside Tsun Wan police station.

The accused Chong Tung and Leung Chung are also charged with rioting outside the South Textiles factory on October 12.

Tsang Yiu-man and Chiu Noi are also charged with rioting on October 12 outside the Kowloon Textiles Corporation factory.

Mr V. L. J. D'Aiton is defending first, second, sixth, ninth, 15th and 18th accused, instructed by Mr P. L. Lam, of P. L. Lam and Co., and the 10th accused, on instructions of H. K. Woo and Co.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Divisional Detective Inspector M. O'Brien.

BIG CROWDS

Mr Rea told the jury that the case arose out of the riots in Tsun Wan on October 11 and 12. Evidence would be given that there were several hundred of people engaged in the disorders.

The Crown's case was that the 19 in Court were among those who took part.

The area in question, he went on, extended to the west of Tsun Wan police station and included a number of factories.

Mr Rea said he thought the jury would be satisfied on the evidence that there were riots there at the time as alleged.

The main issue for them was whether or not each of the accused had been identified as having participated in them.

In some cases, he said, evidence of identification would be given by a number of Police officers in respect of one accused. In other cases, only one officer saw one accused.

THE INCIDENTS

Dealing with the incidents in the second charge, Crown Counsel said that on the afternoon of October 11, a group of about 50 Chinese women were seen outside the Pao Hsing factory.

The women, all uniformly dressed, were singing songs and shouting slogans, to the effect that they wanted the factory management to hoist the Nationalist flag.

They were joined shortly after by crowds of men from other mills. The crowd appeared to be angry. They were shouting and swearing. Long poles with Nationalist flags were being carried. Some of these poles were planted on the ground in front of the factory.

Mr Rea said Inspector Moss was the only Police officer in uniform there at the time. He told the crowd not to cause a breach of the peace, but he was disregarded.

The crowd said they wanted flags to be hoisted, crackers to be fired and apologies made. Someone in the crowd shouted, "Burn it, burn it."

Inspector Moss went to Tsun Wan Police Station and came back with three sections of policemen, Crown Counsel said. By this time, the crowd had increased to several thousands.

PEOPLE CHASED

Some were carrying sticks, stones. Small paper flags were being distributed. Other people were being chased and beaten.

Mr Rea said Inspector Moss tried to reason with the crowd and ordered several baton charges. They were ineffective. A number of policemen were posted in front of the factory gate.

The roadway was blocked with rocks and other obstructions. The crowd attacked and injured a motorcyclist and his pillion rider. The motorcycle was damaged.

Crown Counsel said the crowd then turned their attention to a private car and land rover and burned them. An attempt was made to set fire to a Police vehicle.

The crowd broke into the cotton factory and some material was burned. Inspector Moss received certain instructions and returned to the police station.

Regarding the first charge, Mr Rea said Inspector Moss would say that when he went to the South Textiles factory on the evening of the same day he saw the road was blocked by a large

Court Told About...

EARLY MORNING CHASE

The story of a chase after a man carrying a bundle of clothing in the early hours of the morning in Diamond Hill was told when a 32-year-old unemployed, Chiu Fai, appeared on trial charged with burglary and larceny before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The chase was later taken up by a Kaitong watchman and the man was eventually caught when he ran into the arms of two detective constables. The bundle of clothing was said to belong to the inmates of a house which had been broken into.

Tax Returns Offences

The 1 On Marine And Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at 24-28 Bonham Street, West, was fined a total of \$3,500 by Mr W. F. Pickering at Central Magistracy on two summonses of failing to furnish returns for corporation profits tax purposes to the Inland Revenue Department.

No representative appeared for the Company.

The first summons alleged failure to furnish return for the year of assessment 1956-1957 after notices requiring such a return had been served, and the second summons concerned the 1956-1957 year of assessment. The Company was fined \$2,000 on the first summons and \$1,500 on the second.

Mr E. F. Gee, an Inland Revenue Department Assessor, who prosecuted, told the court that numerous notices for returns had been sent to the Company but no reply was received.

The Company was convicted twice and fined \$50 each time previously for failing to furnish a return for the year 1955-1956, and a third conviction and fine of \$50 for the year 1956-1957.

Broke Taxicab Window

Private Wilfred Hewitt, 20, of the Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, RA, was bound over in \$200 to be of good behaviour for two years by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning for damaging a taxi window.

He was also ordered to pay for the damage amounting to \$235.

The Prosecution said Hewitt and another soldier yesterday morning hired a taxi to go to North Point. When near the Supreme Court building, Hewitt turned around and broke the rear window with a bottle.

Hewitt's superior officer said defendant had a good character and was an efficient soldier.

New Leader For Orchestra

Fred Carpio, a well known local professional musician will make his debut as leader of the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Ritz next Sunday.

The Concert Orchestra has again acted wisely in choosing a professional man as their leader, whose proven ability will undoubtedly be a great asset to the orchestra's string section.

Appearing for the last time with the orchestra will be the musicians from the band of the Royal Marines, and the musicians from the Northern Regiment, all of whom have given valuable support to the orchestra during the past two years.

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Radio Hongkong

11.30, Talking About Teaching. Listeners' Magazine (BBCRS); 5.45, Springtime-Symphony Poem Op. 10 (Fibich); 6, Time Signal. Programme Summary, 6.02, Latest in Variety, 6.30, Classical Music presented by Aileen Dekker, 6.59, Weather Report; Time Signal. The News, 7.00, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 7.15, Band Call, Lucky Thompson; 7.45, Talking About Books, "Just my Story" by Len Hutton. Reviewed by Robin Day. "Pursuit of Victory" by Karl Kraus reviewed by Timothy Birch; 8, Movie Magazine. Edited and produced by Timothy Birch; 8.30, BBC Jazz Club, Jack Parnell and his Orchestra (BBCRS); 9, Time Signal. The News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Interlude for Music With Freddy Alberti, Harp (BBCRS); 9.30, Piano Recital by Patrick Flynn. Sonata No. 11, K. 330 in C Major (Mozart); Impromptu No. 3 in B Flat Op. 14 (Schubert); Ballade No. 1 in G Minor Op. 23 (Chopin); 10, "Something Continental" Flamingo Songs and Dances; 10.30, Hancock's Hot Hour (BBCRS); Tony Hancock with Bill Kerr, Sidney Japs, Andrew Melville and Kenneth Williams (Repeat of last Saturday's broadcast); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Item; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee; 3.30, Music by Lopez; 4, The Story of Bottle Castle; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Strictly Instrumental; 5, Children's Corner. Stories of the Kingdom; 5.30, Monday Requests. Presented by Betty; 5.55, Birthday Party; 6, La Moussique Française; 6.30, Another 7-Up Show; 6.45, The House of Peter McGovern; 7, Time Signal. The News; 7.00, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 7.15, Band Call, Lucky Thompson; 7.45, Talking About Books, "Just my Story" by Len Hutton. Reviewed by Robin Day. "Pursuit of Victory" by Karl Kraus reviewed by Timothy Birch; 8, Movie Magazine. Edited and produced by Timothy Birch; 8.30, BBC Jazz Club, Jack Parnell and his Orchestra (BBCRS); 9, Time Signal. The News and Home News from Britain; 9.15, Interlude for Music With Freddy Alberti, Harp (BBCRS); 9.30, Piano Recital by Patrick Flynn. Sonata No. 11, K. 330 in C Major (Mozart); Impromptu No. 3 in B Flat Op. 14 (Schubert); Ballade No. 1 in G Minor Op. 23 (Chopin); 10, "Something Continental" Flamingo Songs and Dances; 10.30, Hancock's Hot Hour (BBCRS); Tony Hancock with Bill Kerr, Sidney Japs, Andrew Melville and Kenneth Williams (Repeat of last Saturday's broadcast); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Item; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

Dr Summonsed By Taxation Dept

Dr George Charles Dansey-Browning, of the Medical Department, appeared before Mr W. F. Pickering at Central Magistracy this morning summonsed for failing to furnish a return for salaries tax purposes for the year 1956/57 to the Inland Revenue Department.

He pleaded not guilty.

Mr E. F. Gee, an assessor of the Inland Revenue Department, prosecuted. He told the court that a return form was sent to defendant on May 1 last year. Subsequently several reminders, the last being on November 3, were sent to him.

Defendant, on oath, said he did not receive the original form, but admitted receiving two or three of the reminders. He said it was probable that some of the reminders sent to the Medical Department had "gone astray."

Defendant said he was working at the Violet Peel Clinic in Johnston Road and left it in June when he was transferred to the Government Ophthalmic Clinic in Arden Street, Kowloon.

Mr Pickering reserved decision until February 21.

Bail Estreated

The bail of \$100 put up by Stewart Duncan, 54, master mariner, was ordered to be forfeited when he failed to appear before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning to answer a charge of effecting a public mischief.

Duncan was alleged to have made a false emergency call to the police by dialling 999 last Saturday.